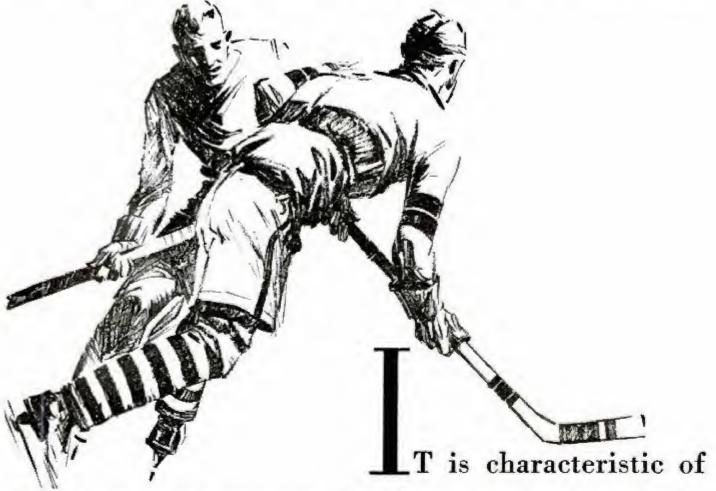




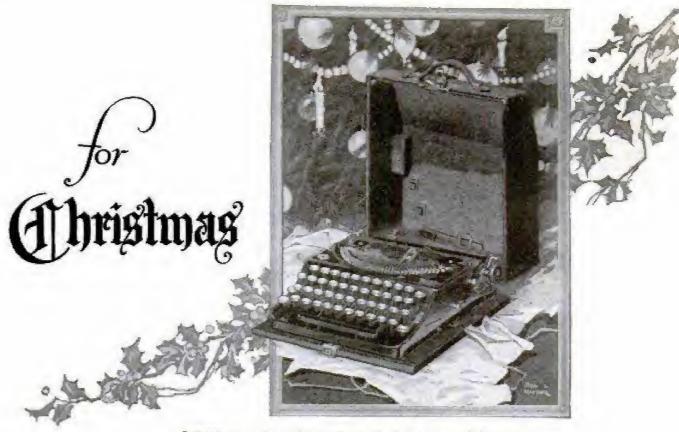
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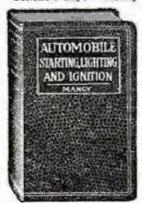
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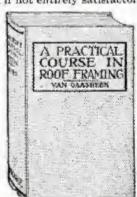
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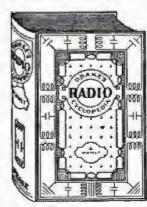


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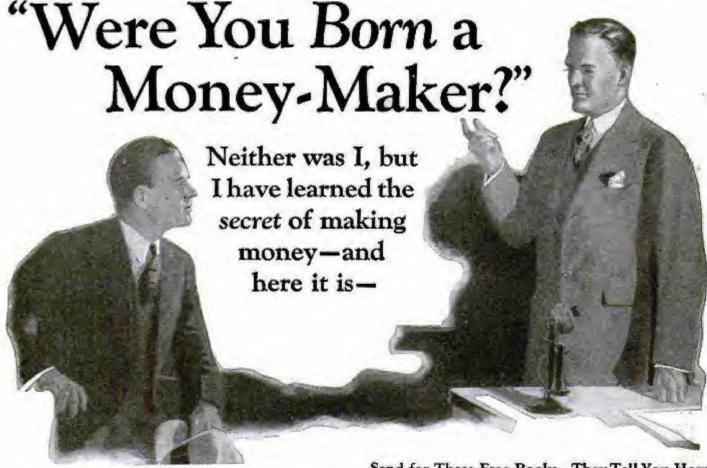
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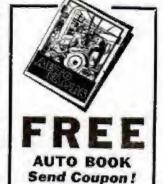
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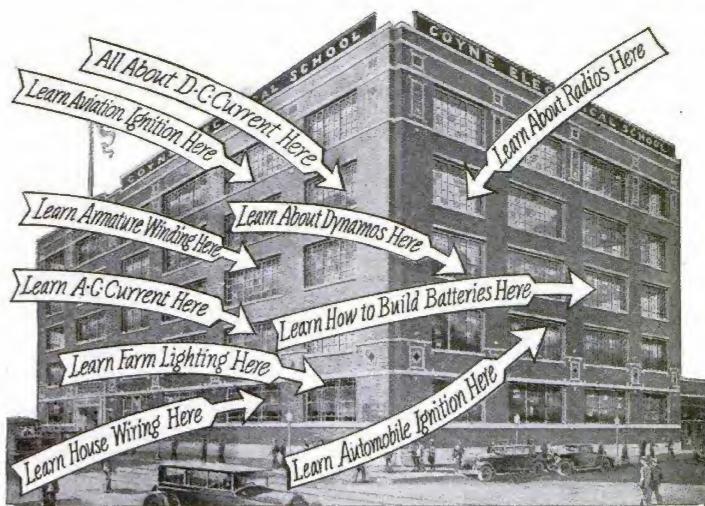
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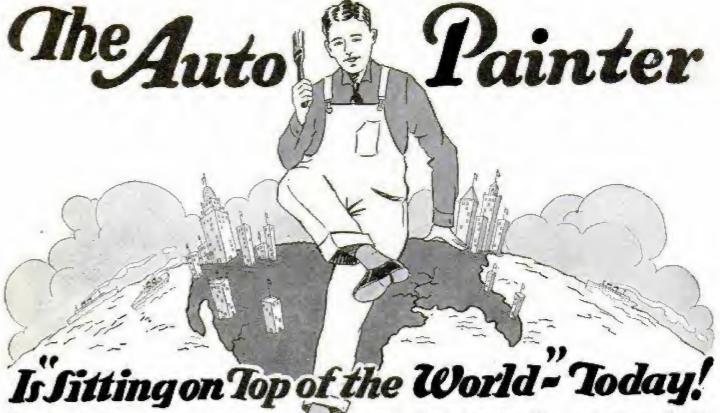
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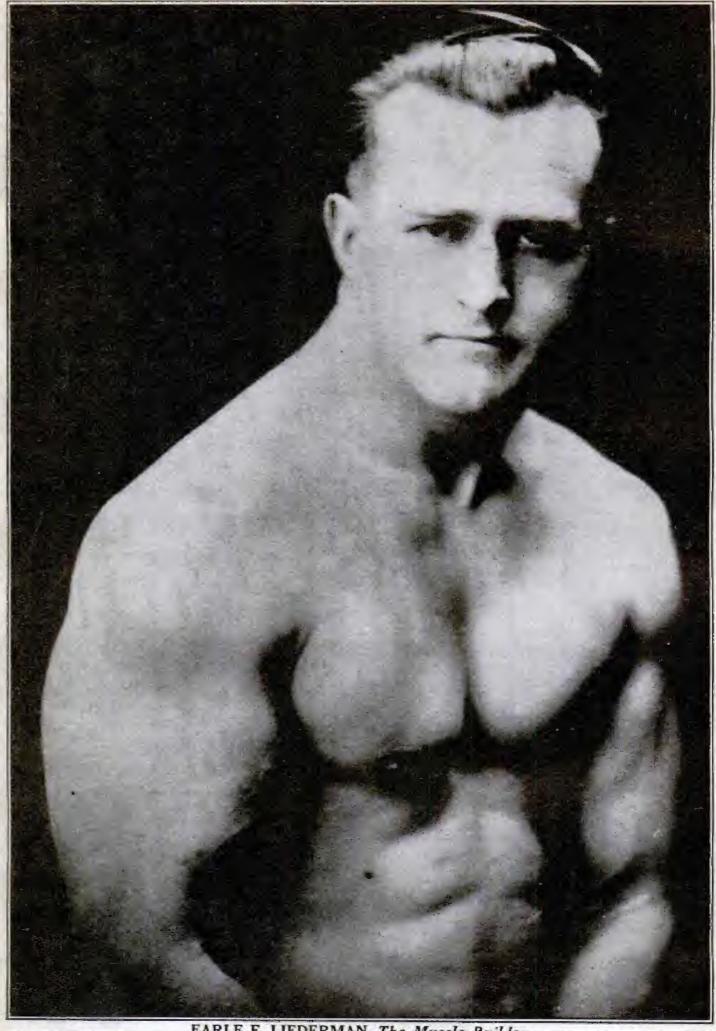


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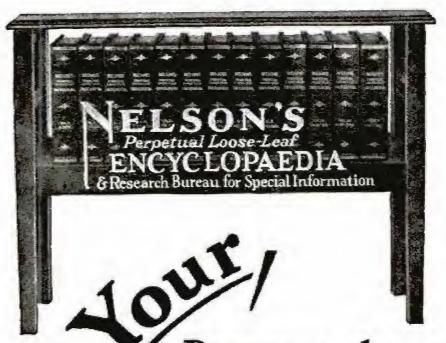
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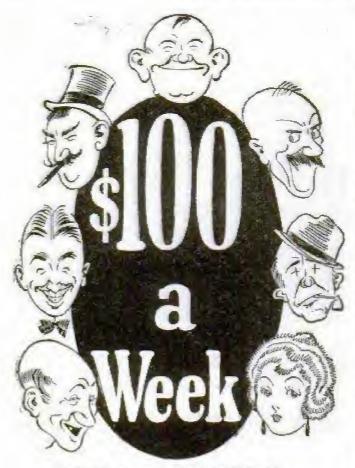
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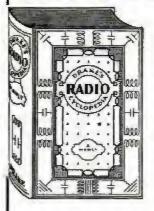
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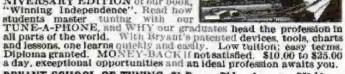
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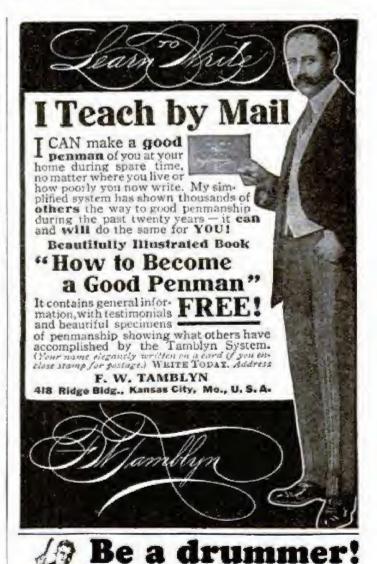
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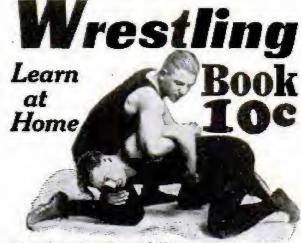
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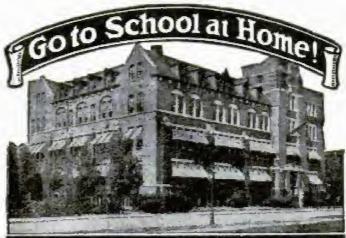
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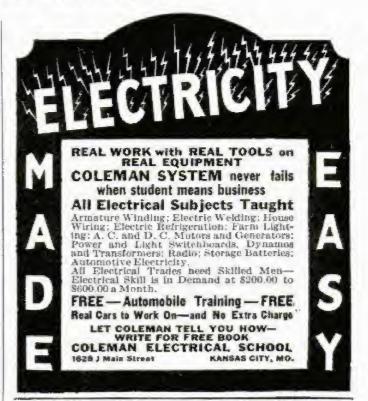
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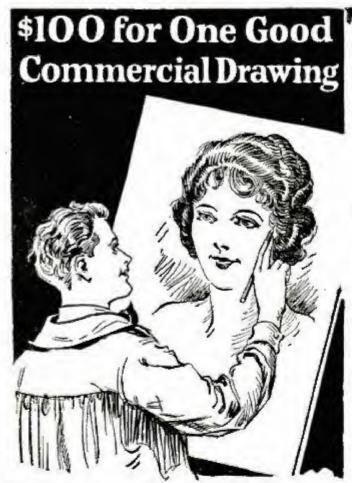
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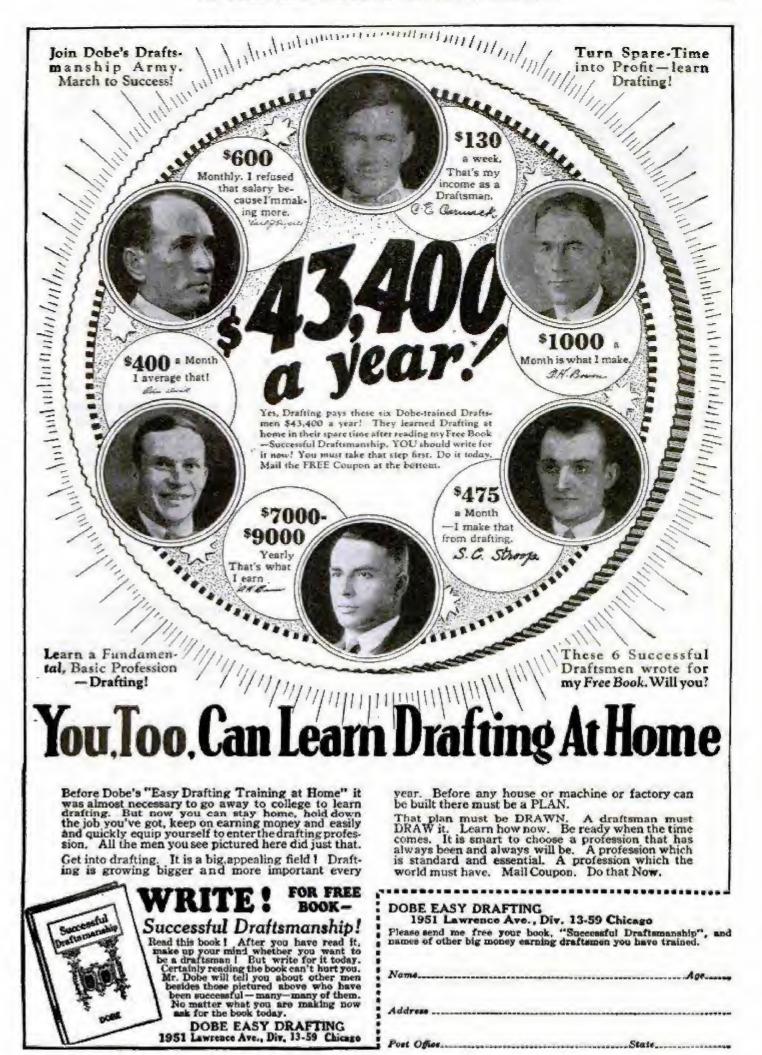
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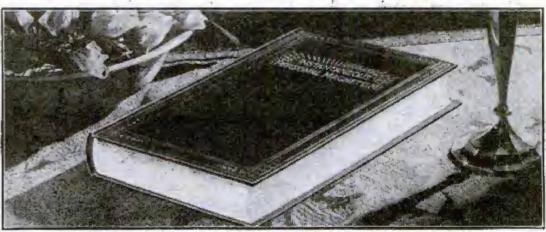




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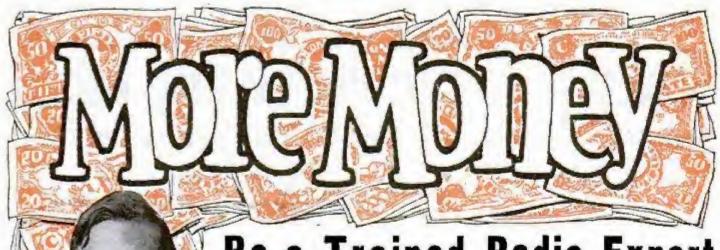
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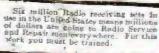
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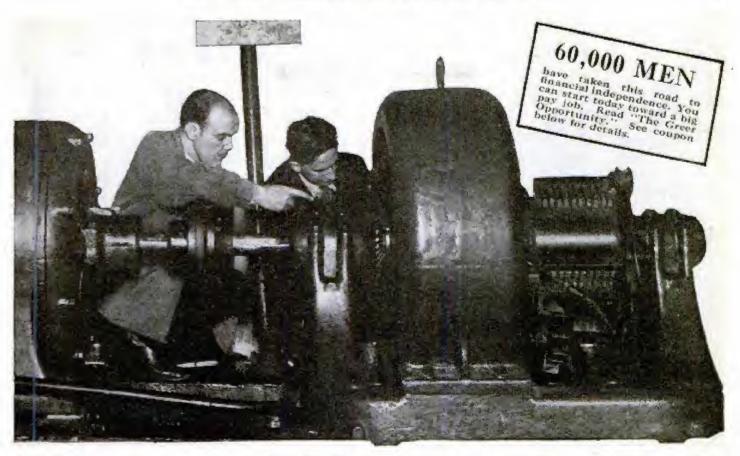
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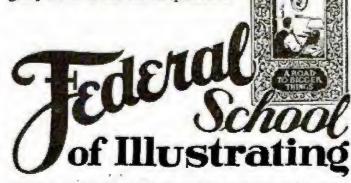
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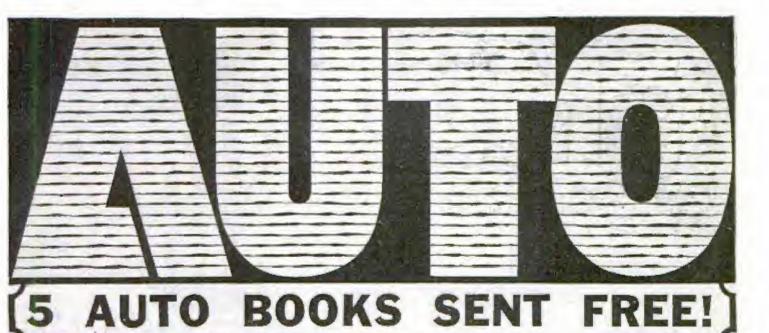
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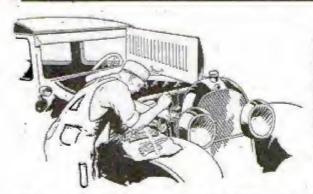
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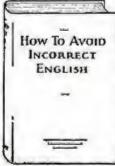
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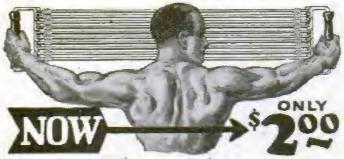
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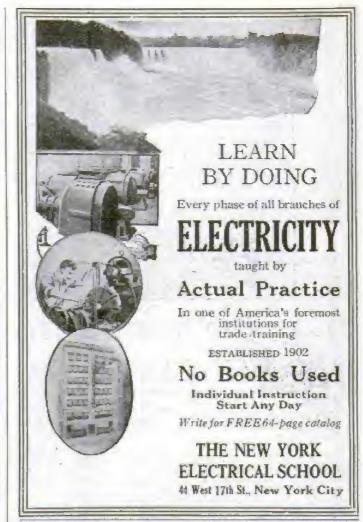
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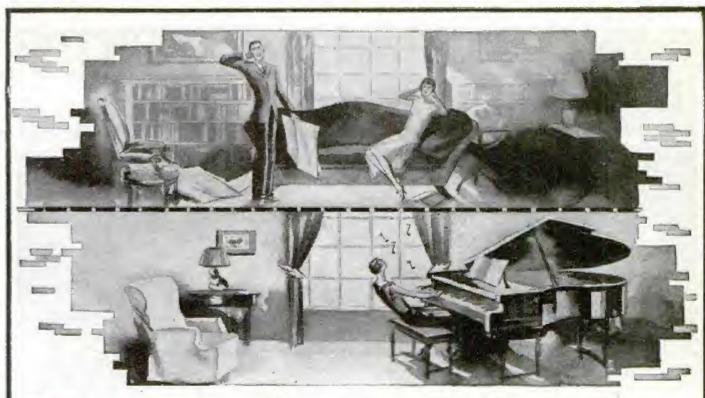


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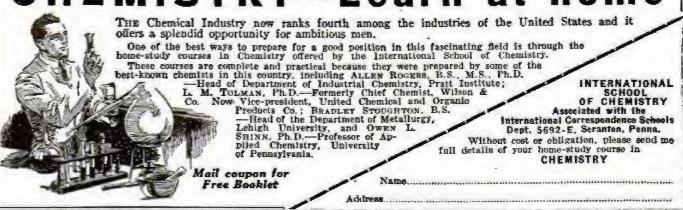
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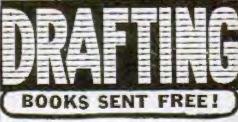
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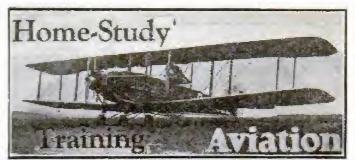
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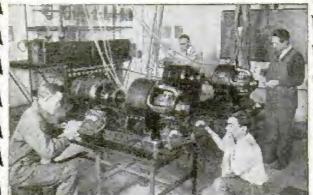
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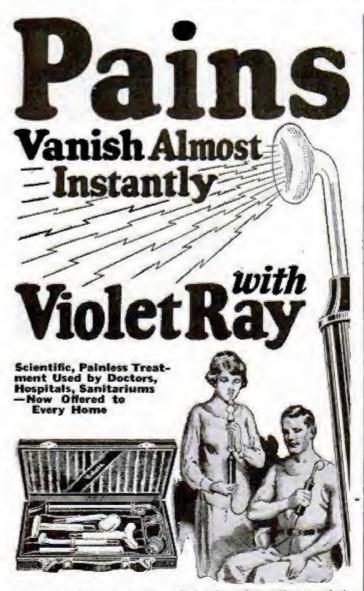
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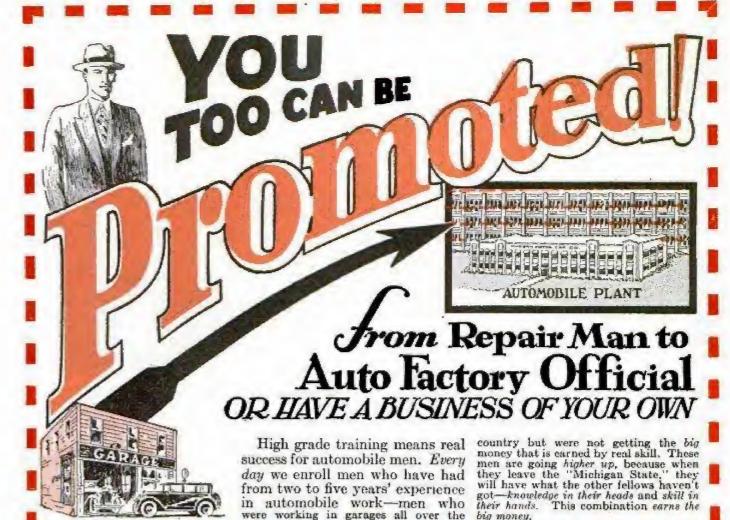
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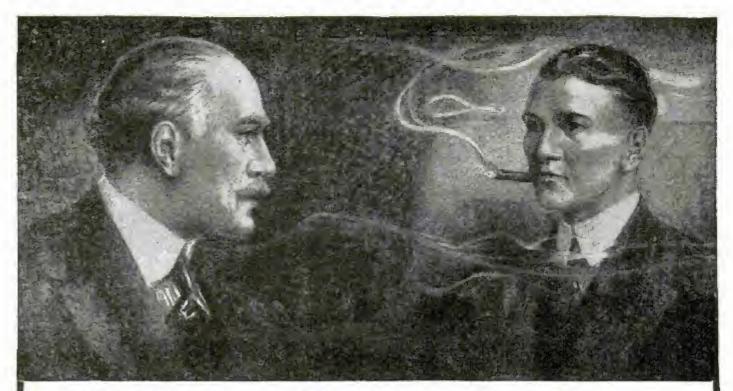
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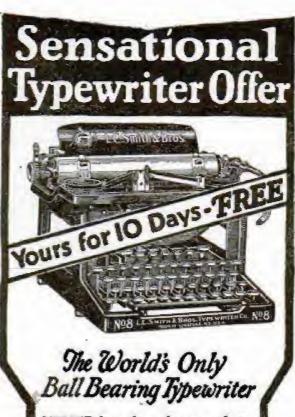
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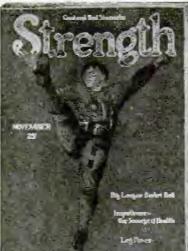
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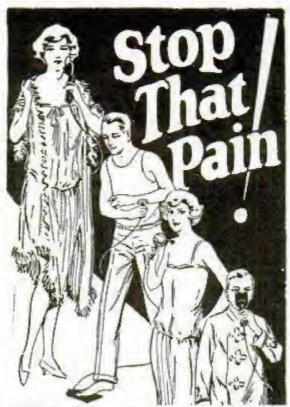


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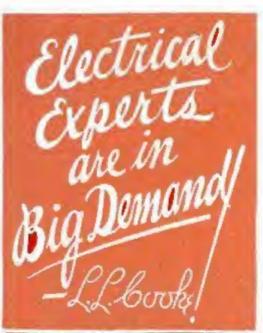
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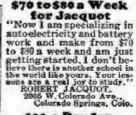
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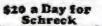


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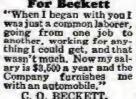
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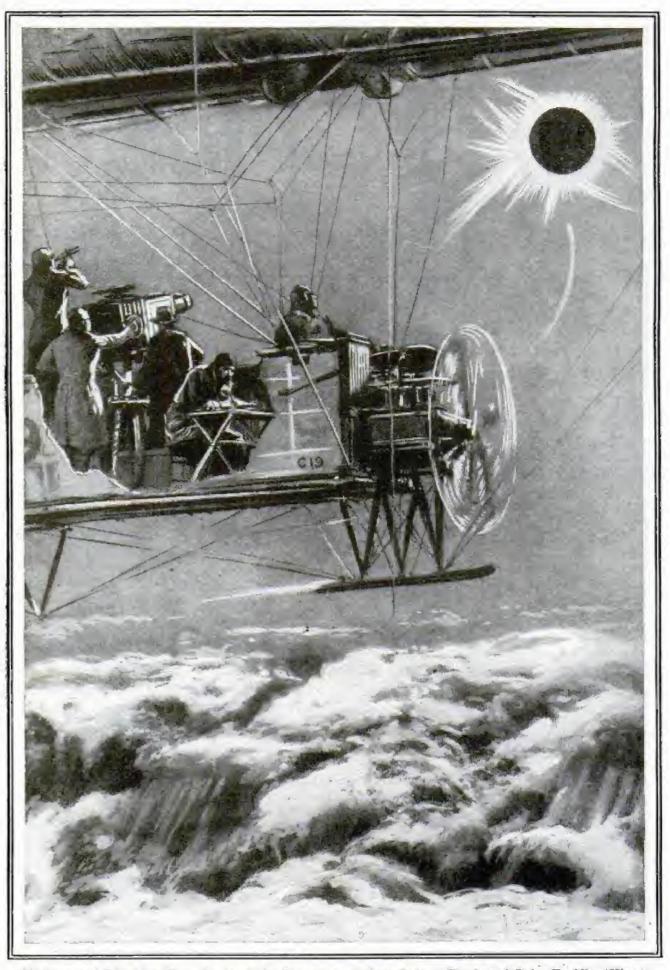
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TWO scientists from the University of California are trying to learn the cause of extreme obesity in man, and the reason for the huge size to which whales grow. They believe, if they find the one, they will be on the trail of the other.

It is thought that whales, which are among the largest creatures which ever lived on earth, attain their great length and weight, and produce their thick layers of fat, because of the absence, or deterioration, of the pituitary and thyroid glands. It is known that failure of these glands to function properly in human beings produces either giants or dwarfs, excessively fat persons or exceedingly thin ones.

Whales range from the twenty-foot length, of a small variety found in New Zealand waters, to the ninety to 100-foot sulphur bottoms, or bluebacks, of the north Pacific. They weigh an average of one ton for every foot of length. Scientists say that, while the whale is admirably adapted to the element in which it lives, there is no apparent reason for it to attain such size; that, in fact, the size is a handicap in its feeding, migrations and general success in life. They believe

the whale during its development in past generations lost its pituitary and thyroid glands, either in whole or in part, or they became so altered that development of the mammals to their present size resulted.

If this condition is found to exist, and examination of hundreds of whales shows it to be general, similar experiments will be carried on with elephants and other large animals. The condition also will add another chapter to the scientific history of the influence of these two glands on human life, since the whale is as much of a mammal as man, whom it greatly resembles in structure, save for size.

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The whales used in the experiments were hunted in the most modern manner, mechanical devices produced during the past ten years having brought an end to the old-time year-long voyages in sailing ships, and reduced the adventure and gam-

Information obtained will be turned

ble of whaling to an exact business. The small iron steamers—none of them more than 100 feet long, and many not so large as the whales they hunt—put out of Ensenada or Guaymas each morning, seldom proceeding more than twenty to forty miles from shore. A lookout goes into the crow's-nest on the mainmast of the little steamer, and watches for the "spout" of vapor which betrays the whale newly risen to the surface. At his cry, the steamer, which has a speed of twenty knots, as compared with the whale's maximum of fifteen, sets out in pursuit.

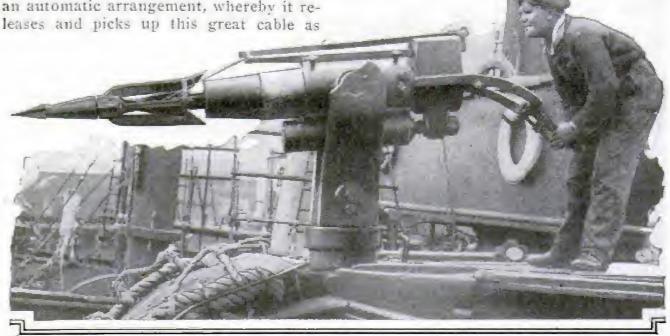
There is no lowering of longboats, with hours of pulling at the oars, as in the old days of whaling, and there is no danger to men or vessel, unless some huge and crusty old sulphur bottom decides to charge the steamer. The gunner takes the tarpaulin off the three-inch harpoon gun, set well forward in the bow, puts the charge of black powder in the breech, fits the 150-pound harpoon in the muzzle, and stands by his lanyard.

The head of the harpoon carries a killing charge of high explosive, with a time fuse, set to explode four seconds after the harpoon leaves the gun. Leading from the harpoon is twenty to thirty feet of heavy steel chain, rove into 3,000 fathoms (18,000 feet) of three-inch Manila cable, running to a steam winch below decks, and feeding through a slot and pulley in the very tip of the bow. This winch has an automatic arrangement, whereby it releases and picks up this great cable as

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The wheel by which the steamer is steered is located in such a position that the helmsman, usually the captain, has an unobstructed view of the gunner and the sea ahead. As he approaches within shooting distance of the whale, he "lays" the ship "dead on" the quarry, just as a gun-pointer might lay his cannon on a target. The gunner then, so long as the captain holds the ship on her "point," attends to the depression or elevation of his piece, considering the roll of the ship and the roll of the whale. When the two rolls coincide, he pulls the lanyard.

If his aim is good, the harpoon strikes about ten feet back of the great headwhales have no visible necks-and penetrates to such a distance that the charge of explosive wrecks the heart before the monster can "sound." If all goes well, the whale is dead in a few minutes, the winch takes in the line and the thirty to 100 tons of flesh and bone and blubber are pulled alongside. A man, armed with a long, hollow-stemmed steel lance, connected with an air compressor, leaps to the back of the floating whale, drives the lance deep into its vitals and the body is pumped full of air. A flag bearing the name of the ship making the capture is stuck on a steel rod in the whale's body, which is



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then cast loose while the steamer goes after another, returning later to pick up its earlier kills.

If, however, the harpoon does not strike true, or the explosive fails to go off, the whale almost immediately sounds-that is, rears its huge flukes ten to thirty feet in the air, and dives. Contrary to whaling fiction, the whale seldom goes down more than 500 to 600 feet. A whale is able to remain under water not more than five minutes, being compelled to return, at the end of that period, to the top for air.

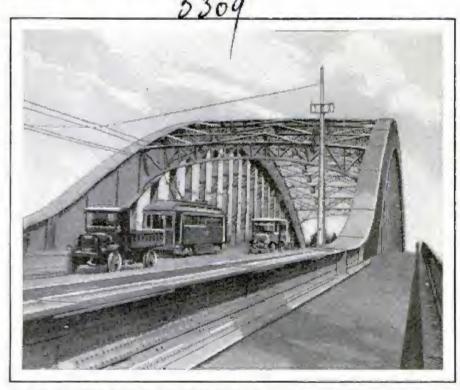
But the whale may come up half a mile

from the whaler, whose three miles or more of cable still holds fast. Then pursuit is taken up again, the cable, drawn taut, making a drag of the ship against the strength of the whale. Now and then, one of the large whales, rising close to the little steamer, will charge the vessel blindly, and such a collision is fraught with danger to both men and boat. Sometimes, the whale will rise a mile or two away, but the weight of that length of cable, if the harpoon is well "sunk," soon wears down the big mammal's strength until it can be overtaken easily. The whales so taken are towed like so

many barges or rafts, to a mothership, or, as in Monterey and Eureka, Calif., to shoreside cooking stations, where they are cut up and every bit of the carcass utilized.

The oil, however, is the principal product, being worth today around \$1.40 a gallon, as compared with eighty cents at the

height of the whaling industry in the late seventies and early eighties.



The Yeitai Bridge in Tokyo, Illustrating How Japan Is Keeping Abreast of the Times in Steel-Construction Methods

#### BUILDING PROGRESS IN JAPAN SHOWN BY STEEL BRIDGE

That Japan is keeping abreast of the times in construction methods is shown by the Yeitai bridge in Tokyo. It weighs more than 4,000 tons, is 600 feet long and eighty-four feet wide. The distinguishing features are the wide arched girders that support the lower part of the viaduct. At one place, these are fifteen feet wide. Steel bands replace the usual cables.

#### PULLING BARRELS UP STAIRS IS MADE EASY 3354



Pulling heavy barrels up stairs or
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is made saier and
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apparatus introduced in France. It
consists chiefly of a
cable sling which is
passed around the
barrel and a geared
drum by which the
ropes are wound up
or let out. By turning a crank, the load

is easily drawn up the stairs and releasing the cables permits the barrel to descend.

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#### BOXERS BATTLE IN BARRELS FOR NEW RING THRILLS

Wearing barrels suspended from their shoulders, boxers at the Oregon agricultural college furnished spectators amusement by their grotesque tactics. The "protectors" eliminated such difficulties as hitting below the belt and tested the ability to attack and protect the head.

## AIR MOSS REALLY AN ANIMAL ALTHOUGH SOLD AS PLANT

Among the interesting specimens in nature are those that lie close to the borderline between plants and animals, some-

times confusing scientists and almost always a riddle to the layman. One of these is the air moss, which is dredged up from the sea, dyed a brilliant green and sold in conveniently sized bunches. The material is not vegetable but animal. being built up by the secretions of a vast number of minute creatures living in a close and harmonious colony. Each animal has long tentacles to sweep food into its mouth. The colonies grow at moderate depths.

#### "CAFETERIA" HOTEL HAS NO CLERKS OR BELL BOYS

You write your name on a blackboard, go to your room, where you find the key on the inside of the door, and next morning, you slip a dollar in a slotted box at the entrance, as you leave. These are the chief formalities at a Texas hotel which is run strictly on the self-service idea, without clerks or bell boys. Each room is supplied with abundant stocks of linen and other necessary

articles, and the proprietor asserts that he has had few patrons who have attempted to evade payment. The hotel has proved especially popular among auto tourists.

#### OLD ROOSEVELT FAMILY HOUSE 327, RETURNS TO FAMILY

Still in good repair, a wooden house at Brooklyn, Conn., built by Col. Daniel Tyler, great-great-grandfather of Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, has been purchased recently so that the Roosevelt family may retain possession of it. The dwelling was built in 1765. A tomb and statue near it were erected in memory of Gen. Israel Putnam, revolutionary-war hero.



Tyler House in Brooklyn, Conn., Built in 1765, and Recently Acquired by the Roosevelt Family

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Atlantic Air Liner Designed by M. Louis Bleriot, First Man to Fly across the English Channel; He Provides Four Engines and a Detachable Fuselage Built like a Boat

TWENTY people, including two women, missing and presumably drowned at sea; seven lives snuffed out in preparing for long-distance flights. That is the toll of aviation's biggest, most spectacular year in all the twenty-four years since Orville Wright took the first plane into the air at Kitty Hawk, N. C., on December 17, 1903. And the whole world is asking whether transoceanic flying is worth the price in lives and material.

The answer is important, for throughout the world well-meaning people are initiating movements to put a stop to such flying. Whether such a ban would work is doubtful, but three of the eight men who succeeded in crossing the Atlantic this year have declared their opposition to it. Col. Lindbergh says it would put a stop to scientific progress; Clarence Chamberlin declares it would retard the advance of aviation, and Commander Byrd believes the step unnecessary because the pressure of public opinion alone will deter further needless risks by eliminating possible financial backers.

No one can say whether the lives sacrificed will be paid for by the lessons taught, but it is probable that the benefit to aviation of the failures will be equally great as the benefits of the successes. Lindbergh showed the Atlantic could be crossed by an airplane. Chamberlin showed it was possible to cross it and carry a passenger. Byrd demonstrated that a multimotored plane could not only make the crossing but carry four men, the last word in scientific navigating equipment and a complete radio installation to keep in touch with the rest of the world all the way.

And the failures that followed showed that once those facts had been proved it was foolish to keep on attempting the feat with single-motored ships, without radio and navigating equipment, and with airplanes incapable not only of landing on the sea, but of remaining affoat in moderately rough weather.

In the final analysis it is probable that the lessons of failure will do more to speed up the building of the right kind of planes for long-distance flying than all



Major Coli, Left, and Captain Nungesser in Their "White Bird," Decorated with Nungesser's Grim Wartime Insignia

the enthusiasm aroused by the successful flights. The automobile has been built on the lessons of its own faults when driven to destruction, and the same is true of every other piece of machinery that has reached a high state of evolution. So it is reasonable to assume that the lessons of disaster may, in the end, outweigh the rewards of success, and in that sense even the heavy toll of life be made to pay.

Aviation leaders are generally agreed on a number of the lessons learned, including:

Abolishing the use of land planes for long flights over water.

The necessity for multimotored planes, capable of carrying on with at least half their engines out of commission.

Complete radio-sending and receiving equipment for every long-distance flyer,

with a competent radio operator in charge.

Improvement of both navigation and flying instruments, and competent aerial navigation for every long flight.

Better weather reports covering conditions along the sea routes.

Charles A. Levine, of New York, who hopped bareheaded into Chamberlin's plane and flew to Europe as the first transatlantic aerial passenger, is planning a regular Atlantic air service. Announcing the details in London, he said he planned to build ten planes, each with a capacity of fifty passengers, besides its crew. Each plane would have seven engines, of which only four would be in use at any one time, leaving three in reserve. The ships would be monoplane flying boats, capable of landing at sea, if necessary.

Their great size, with fifty passenger seats and

berths, would mean economical operation. With a ship like the one he flew to Europe, the fare would have had to be at least \$2,500 per passenger, whereas his proposed seven-motored airplane would bring the overhead down, by dividing it among so many people, to the point where aerial liners could compete on favorable terms with ocean steamers.

Levine isn't alone in planning mammoth air liners. Prof. Junkers, Rumpler and other German designers are already building them, and Louis Bleriot, the first successful sea flyer in history, for he crossed the English channel, has prepared designs for two. Both are monoplanes, each driven by four engines, placed in tandem fashion, two on either side of the fuselage, driving a pulling and pushing propeller. One of the designs calls for 2,800 horse-power. The passengers would be housed in

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Part of the Long Honor Roll of the Brave; at the Left Is Lieut. Col. Minchin, Famous British Airways Pilot, Who Was Lost with Princess Lowenstein-Wertheim When Her Plane, the "St. Raphael." Disappeared in the Atlantic; at the Right Is Capt. William P. Erwin, Who Went to Sea on a Rescue Mission in His "Dallas Spirit" and Fell in a Tailspin Somewhere West of San Francisco, as His Radio Reported Before the Ship Hit the Sea







Ike Eichwaldt, Navigator of the "Dallas Spirit," at Left, Sent the Final Radio S.O.S. That Told the World Their Rescue Mission Had Failed; in the Center Are J. D. Hill, Left, and Phillip Payne, Right, Respectively One of the Pilots and the Passenger in the "Old Glory"; Hill Sent the Radio S.O.S. Just Before They Fell; at the Right Is Paul Redfern, of Georgia, Who Circled a Freighter Off South America and Then Disappeared into the Blue







Lloyd Bertaud, the Pilot Who Took "Old Glory" on Her Last Flight, at Left; He Learned to Fly More Than Twenty Years Ago by Building a Glider from Popular Mechanics Plans; the Smiling Pair Are Gordon Scott and Jack Frost, Navigator and Pilot of the "Golden Eagle." One of the Two Planes Lost in the Dole Flight, and for Whom the "Dallas Spirit" Was Searching When She, Too, Sent Her S.O.S, and Plunged into the Pacific Ocean

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have vast landing decks for land ships, and provide hangars, machine shops, mechanics, and hotels for the passengers. Their cost would run into the millions. It is possible that a half dozen stanch

be enormous harbors to shelter seaplanes,

It is possible that a half dozen stanch lightships, anchored at similar intervals, and equipped with powerful radio to report weather conditions hour by hour, might be more useful, at less cost.

There is a growing field for aerial navigators capable of guiding a plane to any part of the world. They must know more than the captain of a surface ship, for the latter's field is limited to the surface of

the wings as well as in the central body. The other ship, a smaller model, would have four engines developing a total of 900 horsepower—motors the same size as the ones Lindbergh, Chamberlin and Byrd used—and the fuselage would be a detachable lifeboat, capable of being released from the wing and driven over the waves under its own power.

Equally important with bigger and better ships, powered with several en-

gines and fitted with boat hulls, is the need for better weather service. The shortest air routes do not follow the usual steamer routes at sea, for the latter are diverted by the necessity of keeping away from land and other obstructions. Yet the only seaweather reports available are those wirelessed by ships. They are supplemented, in part, by predictions based on the known speed of storms checked while they moved across land, but, at best, predictions for weather over the sea remain inadequate.

Several inventors have proposed huge landing stages, to be anchored at intervals of 500 miles across the ocean. They would



John Pedlar, Miss Mildred Doran and Lieut. V. R. Knope, of the "Miss Doran" Plane, and Capt. Tulley and Lieut. Medcalf, of the "Sir John Carling"

above it. The air pilot, on the other hand, must be not only a competent navigator by sun and stars, but must be an expert meteorologist, versed in the air layers for miles above the earth, and capable of finding the most favorable layer in which to fly his course.

Better navigators and better weather reports are essential before round-trip flights to and from Europe become practical. The westbound trip has never been made by a heavier-than-air machine, and only twice by gas-filled ships. The first was the British "R-34," which made the

The Type of Ship Used on Most of the Ocean Flights This Year, Big Monoplanes, Single-Engined, Equipped with Some Provision for Floating on the Water; This Is the "Golden Eagle"

round trip to the United States just after the war, and the second was the Germanbuilt airship "Los Angeles," which was flown from Germany by a Zeppelin crew and delivered to the U. S. navy.

Two French, two German, one English and one Irish plane have started the westward trip. Nungesser and Coli disappeared at sea, and all the rest turned back safely when they found the weather out over the Atlantic was worse than the weather reports had led them to expect.

The westward flight is not going to be accomplished, nor is a regular air line going to be established, without taking more chances. If the attempts are made in haste, without proper preparation and equipment, in order to win a prize donated by some well-meaning person anxious to have his name connected with aviation and the tremendous amount of publicity such a connection brings, it may end in failure and further loss of life.

To aviators, however, that loss is considered part of the game, which is why they resent any suggestion of forbidding hazardous flights. They point out that when Orville Wright made his first flight at Kitty Hawk he took chances far beyond those faced by any ocean flyer. He didn't know how to fly, nor did he know that his ship would fly, and the ocean racers knew the answer to both. His homemade engine was so weak it could barely keep the ship in the air at thirty-five to forty miles an hour, and every flyer knows that safety lies in speed, for the slow, lumbering plane is at the mercy of every air gust and every air pocket.

A regulation against hazardous flying would have kept Wright, Santos Dumont, Bleriot, Glenn Curtiss, and all the rest of the pioneers out of the air.

If aviation profits by the lessons of disaster, as it is preparing to profit, then it may be said that the price, however great, was not too much.

## BED ROCKED TO IMITATE TRAIN AS INSOMNIA CURE 2838

Discovering that he could sleep much better in moving trains than in a stationary bed, Sir Alfred Yarrow, a British marine engineer, devised a rocking apparatus for his bed to reproduce the motions of a sleeper berth. It is operated by electricity and controlled by a button.



To Imitate the Rocking of a Train: Electric Shaking Apparatus Connected to Bed, to Induce Slumber

Lindhead England



GAS-MASK TESTERS RISK LIVES TO PREVENT ACCIDENTS

To make sure that gas masks issued for service are in working order, they are tested under conditions somewhat perilous to the demonstrators at a London labora-Men wearing the masks breathe tory. fumes from a poison chamber, while an observer carefully watches them for signs of trouble. The air which they exhale is also analyzed to determine the effects of wearing the protectors.

#### BUILDINGS' COLOR TO SUIT SUN INCREASES CITY'S BEAUTY

Greater attention to color effects in skyscrapers and other buildings is doings much to beautify cities in the opinion of Henry Boehm, New York architect, who points out the importance of studying the ground, the color scheme making it easier. quality of the sunlight and the atmosphere to distinguish and sort the gards. Nith are

to apply the right colors. The reason for this is that what appears to be bright and attractive under an Arizona sun, for instance, may be dull and unsuited to use in a city like Boston, where the air is frequently moist. Color is merely reflected light, certain pigments absorbing part of the rays and ? allowing others to v "bounce back" to the eye. Since the sunlight is affeeted by the quality of the atmosphere through which it passes, the result is certain to be manifested to some degree on exterior colors especially Thick, heavy air filters some of the color out of light; hues are intensified in rare air and the angle at which the sunshine strikes an object during different parts of the day, often has an effect on the shade and colors. these things must be taken into account by the

in each locality in order

"color architect." The introduction of a wide range of building materials, such as terra cotta in various colors, makes possible a far greater emphasis to the color scheme than builders were able to achieve when ordinary brick, stone and stucco were the principal materials available.

#### BLACK-BACKED PLAYING CARDS 3284 SHOW FEWER STAINS



Playing cards with black backs have been introduced to ease the eyes and to conceal stains Hearts are in red clubs green, diamonds white and spades vellow agains the black back-

#### FAT MEN CAN STAND THE HEAT BETTER THAN THIN ONES

Tests by the Bureau of mines show that fat men can stand high temperatures better than thin ones. They lost more weight but were less exhausted after the experiments were over. The trials revealed that high pulse rate rather than the mere increase in bodily temperature, is the important factor that brings discomfort under high heat and humidity. In a state of rest and in still air, the experiments revealed that the human body cannot endure indefinitely a temperature higher than ninety degrees Fahrenheit, with 100 per cent relative humidity. Subjects became extremely uncomfortable when the pulse rate reached 135 beats a minute, and unbearable symptoms were manifested at 160. The highest rate recorded was 184.

# SPEED OF POCKET-SIZE AUTO |

One of the smallest motor cars ever constructed was introduced at a recent show in France and attracted considerable attention because of the excellence of its workmanship and its efficiency. It was an exact duplicate of the larger cars, developed a speed of eighteen miles an hour and was just roomy enough for a





Studying a Thunderstorm in the Laboratory; Flashes of Lightning during Discharge Measurements

## FIRE OF ARTIFICIAL LIGHTNING AIDS STORM STUDY

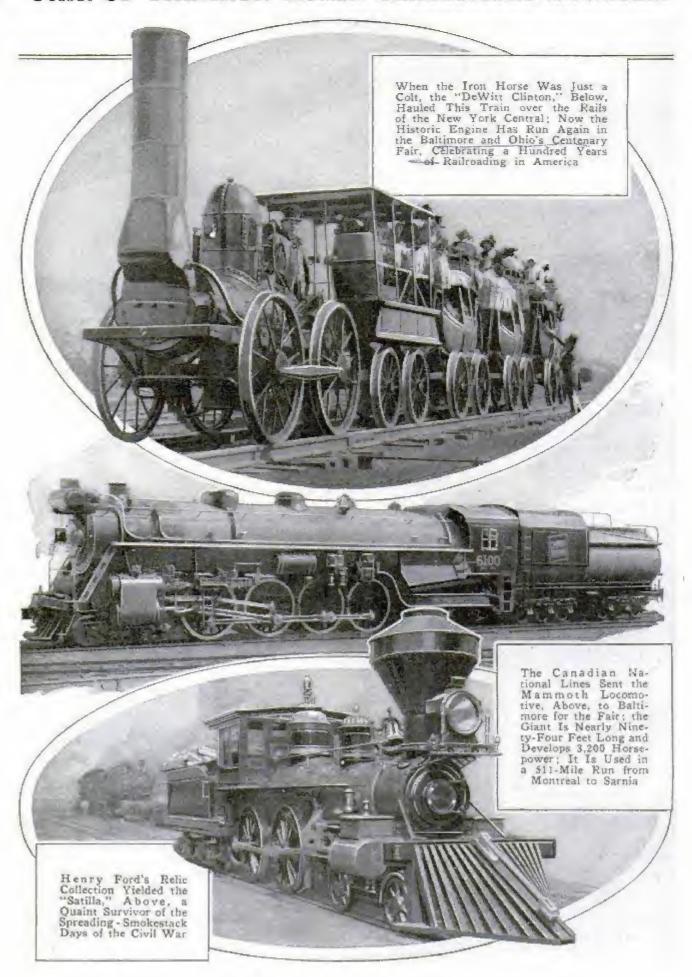
Reports like those of gun fire and sheets of artificial lightning resembling a miniature conflagration are produced in a laboratory of the General Electric company, in Berlin, where special studies are being conducted on electrical discharges during thunderstorms. A transformer of particular type is one of the important units employed in the investigation.

# TO SWAY OF CAMEL 3370

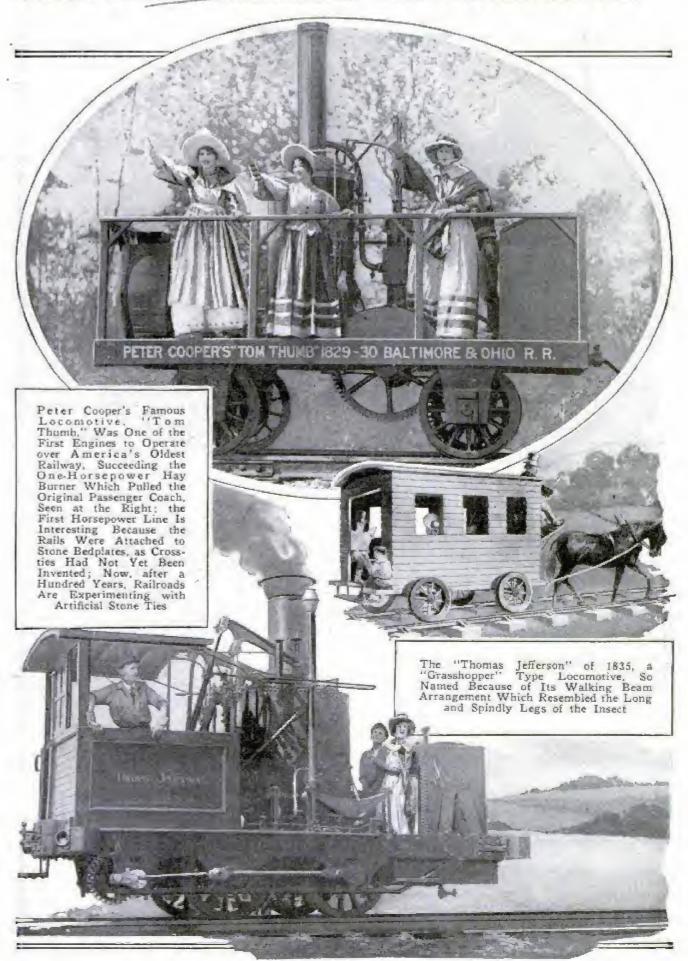
Had it not been for the camel in Arabia, the world might never have discovered butter. The National Dairy council, after considerable research, has traced the origin of butter to the Arabians' habit of carrying sour milk in skin bags across the desert. The swaying motion of their camels caused the contents of the bags to turn to butter, which was first used as a skin lotion. Later, they discovered the trick of making it by tying the bags to fast horses and racing the steeds up and down for several hours. They also laid the sacks of milk on the ground and beat With the invention of the first churn, these methods were discarded.

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#### YEARS OF RAILROADING IN THE UNITED STATES



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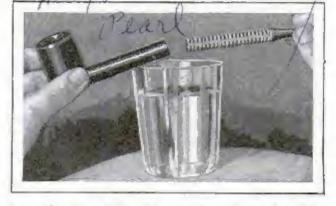
Locomotive as a Traveling Motion-Picture Studio; Photographers and Cameras on Running Board for Realistic Views

#### CAMERAMEN RIDE ON ENGINE TO FILM RAIL MOVIE

To film realistic railroad scenes for a motion picture, photographers attached their instruments to the running board of a locomotive so that they could get "shots" of their own engine and the track ahead. Special lighting equipment was provided and, although the cameras were securely fastened, the swaying motion was recorded sufficiently to add, in large measure, to the realism of the effect.

# AIR AND WATER TOBACCO PIPE

A more enjoyable smoke and greater freedom from injurious substances are two of the advantages claimed for a tobacco pipe now on the market. It has an inner section of disks which is removable for immersion in water to cleanse the smoke.



Inner Section of Pipe Removed, to Show the Disks That Hold Water and Help Cleanse the Smoke

#### WASTE OF ENERGY IN LIGHT SUGGESTS IMPROVEMENTS

Only a small percent? age of the electrical energy that flows through the filament in a light bulb, goes to the produc tion of visible light. The Z rest passes off as heat on rays that cannot be seen by the eye. In some bulbs. as much as ninety-four per cent of the current is unused for actual light leaving the unit only six per cent efficient so far as illumination is concerned. Improvements are being made, but electric engineers point out that inventors still have a tremendous field in the line that Edison opened up, in producing an electric-

light bulb that will give more brilliance without an increase in current or other expense. One expert estimates that if a light only two per cent more efficient than the present common house type could be devised, it would save the country \$100,000,000 at year.

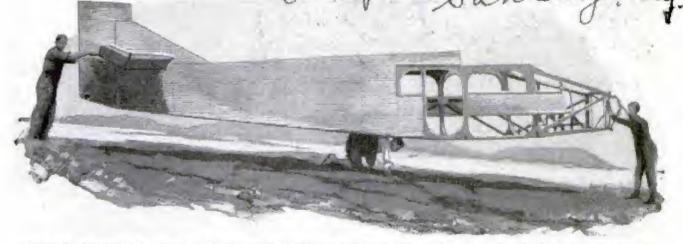
# 33 82 OF NORTH AMERICA

A map is a romantic index of adventure which is being changed by recent discoveries. Reports of the Putnam Baffin island expedition, off the coast of Labrador, show a new range of mountains, and evidence that the island was once a part

of the mainland. From Africa comes news of the finding of snow fields within fifty miles of the equator, at an altitude of more than 15,000 feet in the Ruwenzori mountains. Natives have feared to approach this range, in the belief that the snows would kill them.

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Full Weight of the Fuselage Is Resting on the Man in the Center, the Others Are Merely Balancing the Load; the Plane Body Is Constructed of Light Duralumin

#### ONE MAN SUPPORTS AIRPLANE THAT CAN CARRY SEVEN

How successfully designers of airplanes have secured light weight without sacrificing the strength of the craft is shown in the accompanying illustration of one man supporting the full weight of a large plane's all-metal fuselage while two others steady it. The material used in this ship was duralumin, which is being developed for increasing use in aircraft because of its light weight and strength. The fuselage is thirty feet long and five feet high, inside, with a capacity of seven passengers.

#### MERRY-GO-ROUND WASH RACK QUICKLY CLEANS AUTOS

Automobiles, instead of gaudy animal figures, ride a merry-go-round in Los Angeles, but the unit is built for service instead of pleasure. It is a washing rack to save time in cleaning automobiles. Cars are placed on a moving platform and go past the workers, who perform the various operations, thirteen in all, while the owner stands in the center to inspect the cleaning and make suggestions if he desires. The platform is ten feet wide and moves

about a circumference of 287 feet. Powerful lights help the cleaners inspect all parts of the car. A machine is cleaned without and within in fifteen minutes.

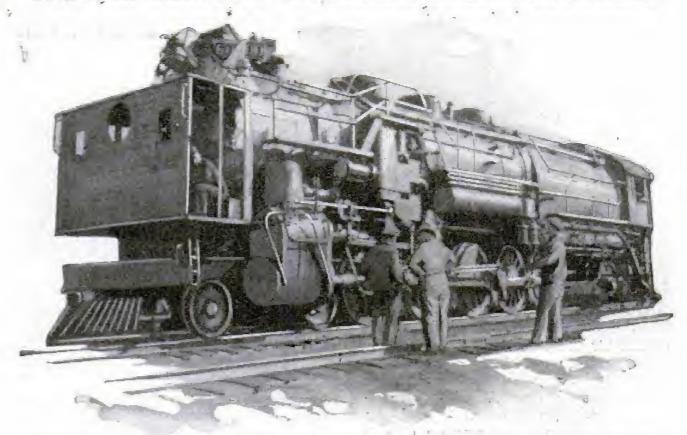
#### PUBLIC LIBRARY ON WHEELS SERVES RURAL READERS 32/8

Persons living in the country near Cincinnati, Ohio, may enjoy the advantages of a circulating library, for one of the branches of the main department is housed in a specially constructed motor truck, which tours the rural sections, distributing books and collecting those that have been read. Counters on each side of the truck permit inspection of the volumes. An attendant keeps a record of the books that are taken out and returned.



Where the Library Goes to the Readers; the Motor-Truck Reading Room on Location, near Cheinnati

#### TESTING GIANT OF THE RAILS OVER MOUNTAINS



Testing Apparatus, Installed in Booth on Front of Engine. Enabled Mechanics to Obtain a Complete and Accu
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Engine "60,000," one of the latest products of the Baldwin works, made a chart of its own movements during a test run over the Sierra Nevada mountains recently. Recording apparatus, installed at the front of the huge locomotive, registered practically every quiver of the monster as it toiled over steep grades and around curves. Besides the engineer and firemen, eleven mechanics were required to help in the test. The locomotive is

equipped with an interesting arrangement to prevent sparks setting fire to the wooden snowsheds. By means of a lever, operated from the cab, the smoke is kept from passing out of the stack in the usual manner and is forced back over the engine and discharged behind so that the sparks cannot strike the roof. The boiler maintains a working pressure of 350 pounds, about 125 pounds higher than the usual engine making mountain runs. No. "60,000" is nearly eighty-seven feet long, its driving wheels are sixty-three inches in diameter, and it weighs 457,500 pounds. The engine is of compound type.

#### TIN TRAFFIC OFFICER IN AUTO HELPS PREVENT ACCIDENTS

Policeman Figure in Rear of Car, and Drawing to Show How the Arms, Are Moved

Attached to the rear window of the automobile with vacuum cups, a miniature tin "traffic policeman" gives a signal when the car is about to slow down. This he does by raising the arms to right angles. The motion of the car causes the action and, when speed has been again attained, the arms fall to the sides.

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#### DUST GENERATES ELECTRICITY

Fine particles of sand and dirt flying through the air during the dust storms common to parts of the west, often generate electric current.\ Measurements with the aid of a radio antenna wire and spherical electrodes indicated potentials of over 40,000 volts. The tests were made at the Texas technological college, and the', investigators, as a result, were inclined to give greater credence to reports that shocks were suffered from radio antennæ during such storms as well as from fence wires and automobiles. The dryness of the air prevents the dissipation of the electricity accumulated. Similar experiments have shown that dust and smoke commonly become charged, a volcanic eruption in Alaska, in 1912, being attended with such continuous thunder and lightning that the natives were terrified. By study of the behavior of dust, scientists believe they may gain further clues as to the weather and so aid aviation and radio communication, as dust is present in greater or less degree all the time practically everywhere.

#### SPECTACLE-BOW ON TOP GIVES WEARER CLEARER VIEW 19

The bows are near the top of the lenses' instead of at the center in an improved



spectacle frame introduced by an Ohio oculist. This is said to permit the wearer to turn his eyes to either side without encountering the bows and the frame is rigidly and comfortably adjusted.

# TYPEWRITERS TO MATCH DRESS LATEST FASHION FAD 3 2 8 0

Typewriters in brilliantly lacquered colors have appeared, to match various schemes of interior decoration. The innovation indicates the increasing popularity of the instruments for personal correspondence among women.

Corona.



#### BOUT WITH SILENT WRESTLER DEVELOPS ARMS AND BACK

To take the place of a human antagonist, a western athlete has devised a mechanical wrestler to aid him in his training. It consists principally of two handles or arms, adjusted to a standard, and which are pushed or pulled against resistance that can be regulated to various intensities. The exercise is said to be especially beneficial to arms, shoulders, neck and back.

#### COAT OF ARMS HONORS ANIMALS IN FIRST BALLOON FLIGHT

According to tradition, a duck, a sheep and a rooster were the first passengers in a balloon ascension in France, more than 140 years ago. Honor has been paid to these pioneer air travelers on the



coat of arms recently adopted by an army balloon corps. Figures of the animals are prominently displayed on the shield.

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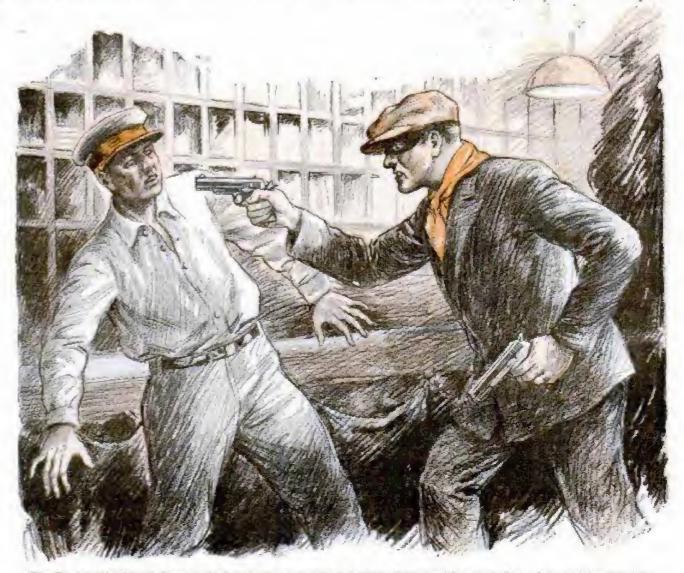
# racking Down

By J. EARLE MILLER

FOUR years ago, three brothers out in Oregon dynamited a mail car, killed four trainmen and escaped, leaving behind a piece of burlap foot covering coated with pitch to throw bloodhounds off the scent. Under the microscope, a criminologist discovered three tiny grains of salt in the burlap, and with that slender thread named the three slayers. More than three years later, one was arrested in the

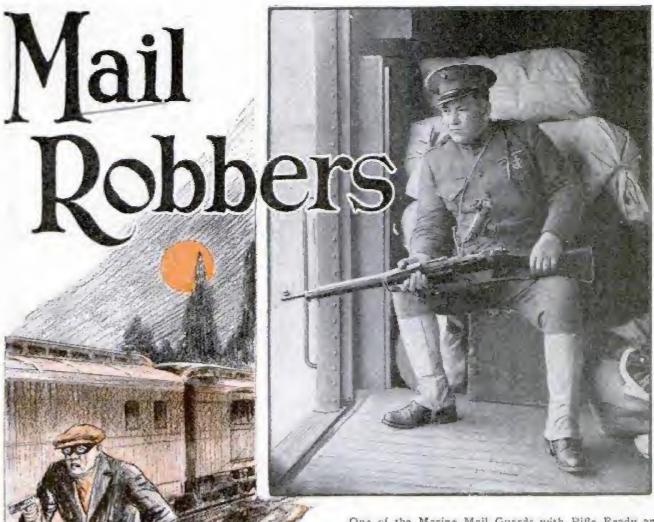
Philippines, where he had joined the army under an assumed name. Three years and eight months after the crime, the other two were caught near Steubenville, Ohio, where one had married and the two were living quietly on a farm. The three confessed and were sentenced for life.

Like the Canadian mounted, the postal inspectors who form the man hunters that guard Uncle Sam's mails, never quit a



The Brutal Murder of Several Trainmen in an Attempted Mail Robbery Has Just Been Avenged by the Capture and Conviction of Three Brothers, Caught by a Scientific Sleuth

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One of the Marine Mail Guards with Rifle Ready and Pistol Tucked into His Tunic

led the chase for more than three and a half years, closed it when he flew by airplane from San Francisco to Steubenville, Ohio, to identify the two brothers arrested there in June. The real story of the capture, however, goes back to a few days after the attempted holdup, when Prof. Edward Oscar Heinrich, of the University of California, found the three grains of salt and built up the chain of evidence that fixed the crime on the three d'Autremonts.

In their flight, one of the brothers lost the burlap foot covering which had been designed to shake off pursuit by bloodhounds. Prof. Heinrich found the three grains of salt adhering to the burlap and put them under his microscope. They were revealed to be grains of a form of rock salt used in salting cattle. A survey of the dynamiting scene, in which the engineer, fireman and a brakeman had been shot down in cold blood and the mail clerk killed in the dynamiting of his car—the blast at the same time destroying

The identification of the three d'Autremont brothers as the perpetrators of the attempted mail robbery at Siskiyou, Oreg., on Oct. 11, 1923, is a story that outdoes anything Sherlock Holmes ever dreamed of. Their arrest years later is a story of dogged perseverance and unrelenting chase. Every resource of the government backed the postal inspectors in their long pursuit. . Two million pamphlets, with the pictures and descriptions of the three slayers, were printed and spread broadcast. Every post office under the American flag was decorated with posters carrying the pictures and offers of \$15,900 in rewards. C. W. B. Long, postal inspector, who

the mail, so that the robbers got nothing—disclosed only one place near by where salting was done. Near it was a cabin, in a grove of Douglas firs. The homemade pitch on the burlap had been extracted, the microscope showed, from the same species of tree.

In the cabin, Prof. Heinrich found a towel on which a razor had been wiped, and, under the microscope, removed from the towel hairs from the beards of three men, along with pieces of skin scraped from their faces while shaving. After examining them carefully, he announced the three men who had used the towel were of French-American descent, blond in complexion, and between eighteen and twenty-five years of age. Further search of the cabin revealed more burlap saturated with the pitch, both material and coating corresponding to that found near the railroad.

Convinced he had found the robbers' hangout, the professor returned to the railroad and, on hands and knees, quartered the ground for 100 yards around. . At length, buried under leaves and dead wood in a clump of thorny brush, he found a pair of overalls. In the pockets were other grains of the same type of rock salt, and one pocket still sagged in the shape of a heavy revolver, while another yielded three hairs, evidently scratched from the head of the one-time wearer. The hairs, under the microscope, proved to have come from the head of one of the three who had used the cabin towel after he had shaved himself.

Circling the scene farther, the revolver was found which had bagged down the overall pocket. The gun had evidently fallen into a badger hole while the disguising overalls were being removed. Identification marks on the gun had been filed and burned off with acid, but inside the mechanism, where the owner had for-



The Ruins of the Mail Car Dynamited by the Three d'Autremont Brothers, Showing How an Excess Charge of Explosive Defeated Them by Wrecking the Car and Killing the Messenger



Postmaster-General New and the Commanding General of the Marines Inspecting the Mail Guard at the Post Office in Washington; at the Right, Prof. E. O. Heinrich in His Laboratory with Microscope That Convicted the d'Autremonts

gotten to look, was the manufacturer's serial number. Through that the gun was traced to the dealer, and from his records to a man giving the name of William Elliott. The purchaser's description was obtained, and it tallied with the height, length and waist measurements

of the overalls. That detailed description fitted one of the three d'Autremonts.

The French-American descent and the blond complexion fitted all three of them. They had disappeared from their usual haunts a week before the robbery attempt, and their father admitted they frequently stayed at the cabin on the range, so the world-wide search for them was actually started within a few days after they had committed the crime and fled from the dynamited train.

The 535 postal inspectors annually solve more than ninety per cent of the cases of mail theft, according to Grant B. Miller, chief of inspectors. Last year, they sent sixty-six men to penitentiaries in major holdup cases, while over 3,000 were apprehended on minor theft charges. In 1926, of fourteen major crimes against the mails, in which \$1,408,340 was stolen, the inspectors recov-

ered \$760,634. The year 1924 was a high-water mark for mail bandits, their loot totaling \$2,509,157, but of this \$1,467,444 was recovered.

That was the year of the Rondout robbery a few miles out of Chicago, probably the most daring mail robbery in history, and the largest in point of loot taken. Planned with the connivance of a postal inspector who went wrong—the only case, incidentally on record in which that has happened—the Rondout robbers intro-

#### POPULAR MECHANICS



Testing a New Bandit-Proof Mail Car, Built to Withstand Bullets and Gas and Well Armed Within

duced the latest thing in bandit technique, forcing the mail-car crew to open the doors by throwing tear-gas bombs through the windows, while the robbers came provided with gas masks to enable them to do their work. They got away with \$2,-200.000. Eight men were involved, including the postal inspector.

The Rondout holdup was followed by drastic changes in postal routine. Marines were called out to ride the trains and orders were placed for bullet-proof steel mail coaches by hundreds, while the clerks were given increased armament, gas masks to resist tear gas and provided with

gas equipment of their own, so the fumes could be released along the sides of the cars. Special portholes turned the cars into serviceable forts.

Under such conditions attacks on mail trains are almost impossible of success, and the major banditries nowadays usually take the form of an attack on a postal truck, or some isolated station just after a factory payroll or a bank shipment has been received.

Miller, who personally has run down sixty-two

bandits, sent them to prison for combined terms of more than 2,000 years and recovered from them more than \$3,000,000 in loot, participated in unraveling one such crime in 1926 just before he was made chief inspector.

On April 14 of last year, a mail truck, bringing a load of registered mail to the post-office in a Chicago suburb, found a touring car blocking the entrance to the rear door. The driver got out, apparently to see why his car wouldn't run.

drew a revolver, seized two pouches of registered mail. then ordered the postal



New Type of Mail Truck; the Armed Driver Rides in a Bullet-Proof Cab, Ready to Meet Bandit Guns with a Shower of Lead, While Steel and Bullet-Proof Glass Guard Him



An Assistant Postmaster-General at the Sorting Rack of a Mail Car, with a Marine Marksman and an Armed Postal Clerk, Who Carries a Gun While Distributing the Letters

employe into the touring car and forced him to drive it to Joliet, Ill. The bandit sat in the rear seat and searched the pouches during the drive, extracting \$37,000 in cash.

Just outside of Joliet, the bandit's car stalled on a slight incline. Though threatened with death, the mail driver, a boy of nineteen, was unable to make the grade, and even the bandit, who took the wheel, couldn't negotiate it, so he decided to back to a garage and have the clutch fixed. He tried to keep the driver covered with a revolver in his coat pocket while the garage man worked on the car, but the driver succeeded in getting the car between them and ran to a farm house to telephone for the sheriff.

The bandit, becoming nervous, got the two mail pouches, walked out the garage door and disappeared—and then enters the one unsolved mystery of the case. The Joliet police blotter shows the boy reported the robbery at 10:10 in the morn-

ing, and at 10:25 a physician in a village twelve miles away reported he had been held up by an armed man who stole his car. Later it was shown the bandit was the auto thief, though how he traveled the twelve miles in not more than fifteen minutes continues to be a mystery, for he refused, when captured, to explain it.

At any rate, a deputy sheriff from the doctor's village started in pursuit, driven by a garage man, and overtook the bandit, who shot him dead, but not before the official had fired one shot through, the windshield of the stolen car, the flying glass cutting the bandit's face. A taxicab chauffeur was found later in the day who recalled a passenger bleeding from cuts on the face, and carrying two bags, the first intimation that the mail robber and the sheriff's slayer were one and the same person.

Various clues fixed the bandit's identity, and his home was searched, but it had been abandoned. Confident the man 904

had not left Chicago, the inspectors arranged with a friendly newspaper reporter to publish an item saying the sheriff had been killed by a foreigner whose body was found near by, and that the post office inspectors believed the foreigner was the mail robber and that he had hidden the loot.

That item inspired the bandit with a

false sense of security, and, six days later, the inspectors, who had been following every clue, tracked him down in his room in a Chicago hotel, where he had been living in the belief that no one was looking for him. He got life for the killing and twenty-five years more for the mail robbery, and all the loot, with the exception of \$148, was recovered.

# TWIN SIDECARS ON MOTORCYCLE CARRY TWO CHILDREN



Instead of having a single car on one side, a motorcycle owned by an English rider has a small car on each side, affording individual compartments for his young son and daughter, who often accompany him on his trips.

MEASURE BILLIONTH OF INCH

To find out how much wires of different composition expand or contract when magnetized, a scientist of the Bell Telephone company laboratories has developed an apparatus that measures a billionth of an inch. It will also register a millionth of a degree in temperature. It is the most refined measuring apparatus in existence today, surpassing the interferometer, a delicate unit that splits distances into tiny gaps of light waves, by about 100 times in

sensitivity to changes in length. When the temperature varies as much as one-thousandth of a degree, a spot of light races across the scale. The instrument was devised for research into the nature of magnetism. No one knows exactly what magnetism is, but it is of prime importance to a telephone company because it plays an essential part in the transmission of sound waves in telephoning. That is the chief reason why permalloy, a special mixture of nickel and iron, became so valuable for cables. It proved extremely sensitive to magnetization and was rapidly put in place of pure iron in loading coils and other devices for transmitting sound. A gauge was wanted to help study the atomic changes which take place in different alloys as they expand or contract under magnetic forces. P. P. Cioffi, a laboratory scientist, was put to work on the problem. In a month, he had devised a plan for the instrument, but many months were required to perfect it.

ICE CREAM FROZEN IN GLASS
OR WITH COLD TABLETS

Patented refrigerating tablets may be used as a substitute for ice in a freezer

that quickly prepares small quantities of ice cream with little work. The cream itself is held in an inner aluminum container and agitated with a crankoperated scraper. The outer chamber is of glass for the ice and salt or



the special tablets. It is said that the cream can be frozen in about ten minutes

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Outdoor Movies in Italy; Projector and Screen Are Carried in Auto Trucks to Remote Towns, and, Besides Giving Entertainment, the Plan Is Helpful in Spreading Propaganda

#### MOVIE THEATERS ON WHEELS SERVE ITALIAN TOWNS

Mussolini is making use of the motionpicture screen in a special way to transmit word to the inhabitants in small Italian towns. Several auto trucks, with projectors and a screen that can be quickly set up outdoors and taken down for packing, constitute a fleet of traveling motionpicture theaters which spread propaganda.

# RAILROAD INSIDE ARCTIC CIRCLE 33// HAULS IRON ORE

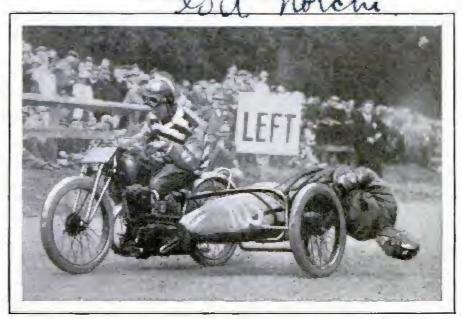
Threading its way through ice-clad mountains, the Arctic railroad taps a rich deposit of iron ore 150 miles within the Arctic circle, to supply the blast furnaces of Europe with material for the manufacture of special steels. The demand for Sweden's remarkable supply of magnetic iron ore is the reason for the construction of the railway which runs from the Swedish town of Lulea. near the head of the Gulf of Bothnia, to Victoria

Aletha.

Fiord in Norway. Special precautions have been taken to prevent landslides and the fall of avalanches along the road.

# HIS CONTORTIONS HELP TO WIN MOTORCYCLE RACE 3/40

Credit for winning a motorcycle race in London recently was divided between the driver and the occupant of the sidecar, much of the honor going to the latter. By his clever contortions on curves, he permitted sharper turns than could ordinarily have been made, thereby outting down time and distance.



Helping to Balance the Racer at a Sharp Turn; the Pilot's Passenger in

al Crystal Palace



Honor to a Pioneer Explorer of the Skies, Tycho Brahe, the Danish Astronomer; This Monument Was Recently Unveiled in Sweden

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## HONOR TO EARLY ASTRONOMER IN MARBLE MONUMENT

Tribute was paid recently in Sweden to the Danish astronomer, Tycho Brahe, by the erection of a celestial globe of bronze on a white marble base. The monument was unveiled in Helsingborg by Crown Brahe lived during the Prince Gustav. latter half of the sixteenth century, his interest in astronomy being excited by the punctual occurrence of an eclipse of the sun on Aug. 21, 1560, at the predicted time. He regarded the phenomenon as "something divine" and straightway read all he could find on the subject of astronomy and began studies with globe and compasses, although he was supposed to be fitting himself for the law. He gained the support of the king of Denmark in a few years, and is credited with doing a

vast amount of valuable work in correcting the errors of earlier observers and computing instrumental inaccuracies.

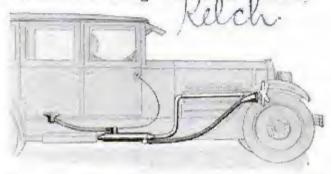
# "BLOODY SWEAT" OF THE HIPPO RED PIGMENT

The "blood-sweating behemoth" of the circus display, does not really sweat blood at all, the red fluid on its skin being an oily substance, excreted when the animal is excited or in pain. The color is due to a peculiar carmine pigment in the skin, which is two inches thick in some places.

#### HEATER FOR AUTO ELIMINATES THE BACK PRESSURE

Prevention of back pressure on the motor and an abundant supply of fresh, hot air, free from fumes, are cited among the advantages of an automobile heater which utilizes the warmth of the

exhaust gases. The system consists of an air-intake pipe, directly behind the fan and in front of the motor, and a series of steel tubes where the air is warmed as it comes in contact with the pipes, heated from the exhaust. The warm current is delivered through a register in the bottom of the car. The only moving part of the installation is a valve to control the fresh air, and the heat is regulated from the dash.



Installation of Heating System for the Auto, Utilizing the Warmth of Exhaust Gases

national Bank Bldg, Washington U.C.



Coast-Guard Flyer Preparing to Drop the Trailing Gear to Pick Up the Life Line as His Plane Races Out to Sea above the Shore Masts Which Replace the Life-Saving Cannon

## Throwing Out Life Lines from Airplanes

#### New Method of Rescuing Crews of Wrecked Boats Is Adopted by the Coast Guard after Successful Tests

MPHIBIAN planes, capable of taking off from or alighting on either land or water, are being used at two American coast-guard stations instead of life guns to carry rescue lines to wrecked ships off Developed as the result of five years of experimenting by Lieut. Comm. C, C. Van Paulsen, of the coast guard, the aerial life-saving service is able to establish breeches-buoy connection with ships a mile or more off shore, instead of being limited to a few hundred vards, as is the case with lines thrown by the small harpoon cannon. The record distance for a cannon-shot-carried line is 695 yards, whereas the planes are effective at several times that distance.

The problem of taking a line out to sea by air was complicated by the fact that the plane could not take off while burdened with a trailing rope, so must pick up the life line after it was actually in the air. Comm. Paulsen solved the difficulty by attaching the end of the line to a cross rope swung between two masts placed 200 feet apart. The plane, after getting under way, circles about and passes over and between the two masts, while the observer lowers the weighted end of a light rope, carried on a reel in the airplane. The weighted rope tangles with the line between the masts, jerks it free and carries it out, trailing the life line after it. The airplane flies straight out and over the ship in distress, and the observer then cuts the rope and allows the line to fall across the deck.

From then on the procedure is the same as in the usual rescue work with breechesbuoy tackles. The first light line is used to pull a somewhat heavier tackle out to the ship. After it is made fast, the coast-guard crew ashore attaches the still heavier rescue cable and it is hauled out. After the ship's crew has made the end fast, the original light tackle is used to pull the trailing pulley of the breeches buoy back and forth along the big line.

Cape May, N. J., and Gloucester, Mass., are the first two stations to be equipped for aerial life-saving. They were chosen because they had already been provided with Loening amphibian planes, of the type used by Comm. Byrd in Greenland and in the flight around South America. The planes were purchased originally for the aerial patrol against rum ships off Boston, New York and New Jersey shores.

The life line used is so light that the powerful planes can take the end a mile or more to sea before the dragging weight becomes too great. No reels are used for coast-guard lines, as the friction would quickly stop the line, whether fired from a gun or trailed from an airplane. Instead, the line is coiled in a complicated pattern about pegs set in a wooden frame

laid out something like a chessboard. The pegs are then withdrawn, leaving the line "faked," as sailors say, in such a way that it will run out without tangling, and without friction.

The Lyle gun, which has saved thousands of lives since its invention by Lieut. David A. Lyle, of the U. S. army, has been the chief reliance of the coast guard for a half century. It is a small bronze cannon, weighing, with its eighteen-pound projectile to which the line is attached, slightly more than 200 pounds. Once the line is made fast to a ship, it can be used either for the breeches buoy, a pair of canvas trousers, knee-length, in which the rescued person is suspended and dragged through the waves, or for a water-tight life car, built like a small submarine and capable of holding a number of people at each trip. The Lyle gun is the successor of one of the oldest forms of rescue apparatus, a powerful crossbow, mounted on a wheeled carriage and bent by turning a crank, which, with an arrangement of cogs and line, brought the bowstring back until it could be caught by the trigger.



Coast-Guard Amphibian Airplane Coming Back to Land and Mounting Its Own Runway; the Planes Are Equipped with Both Boat Hulls and Wheels for Land or Sea





Home for One of the Oakland, Calif., Fire Companies; the Engines Are Housed in Garage Space in Basement

#### FIRE STATION LIKE RESIDENCE BEAUTIFIES CITY

The city of Oakland, Calif., has introduced a different style in fire stations. Instead of the usual garagelike structure, its latest unit is patterned after the plan of a residence, with space for the engines in the first story and men's living quarters above. It is made of brick and concrete.

#### RADIO-EQUIPPED ARMY TANKS DIRECT MANEUVERS

n dalestury Vrain & An army of "robots," mechanical monsters carrying gas-masked men, was mobilized recently when the British army held five weeks' maneuvers for the mechanical force, which corresponds to the American tank corps. Little twopassenger tanks, mounting a driver and a machine gunner behind steel breastworks, sped across the fields on endless treads, or switched in a twinkling to rubber-tired wheels and dashed down clear roads. Four-passenger tanks, with guns in conning towers, huge

battle tanks mounting small field artillery, heavy anti-craft guns on tractor mounts, and tanks equipped with wireless rumbled after them. Overhead attack and pursuit airplanes soared and dipped while they sprayed the advancing steel army with bursts of machinegun fire. The maneuvers continued day and night under conditions as nearly like those of actual war as could be produced on Salisbury Plain.

"The roar of the great engines used in the tanks and tractors, the sharp

crackle of machine-gun fire, and the crashing of eighteen-pounder quick-firers were nerve-racking," said one of the correspondents who covered the maneuvers. "The army on wheels traversed a rugged country in the robot maneuvers.

"The engagement was like an evil dream, with mythical gray monsters spitting flames and death. Noise, smoke and unceasing clatter lasted nearly an hour while deadly single-seater fighting planes swept the crews of tanks and motor cars with accurate fire.

"'Road bombed out of existence,' was



Radio-Equipped Tank Used to Direct Battle Operations in British Maneuvers of the Mechanical Army

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the message flashed back from the wireless scouts. 'Make your own way across country,' came the command.

"Then the mechanical army moved, the sluggard pace quickened; one-man tanks bustled hurriedly over the banks on the side of the road on their scouting duty. The 'dragons,' with their wheels within wheels, scuffled at dangerous angles into the open country, the crews clinging perilously to their seats. Heavily armored beasts, on tracks, wallowed lustily through ditch, over bank, and among brushwood. The land liners—the eighteen-pounder quick-firer guns on self-propelled mountings—swept into position, the gun crews jumping to stations.

"Suddenly three airplanes, like falcons, dropped out of the bank of leaden clouds. It was a startling moment. The unprotected vehicles out in the open field, balancing precariously as their speed increased, hurried for the shelter of the trees. Men in the dragons opened fire with their rifles as the falcons swooped down."

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# FOLDING COVER ON TYPEWRITER PROLONGS MACHINE'S LIFE

To keep dust
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nently attached to the machine and is equipped with an adjustable copy holder.

# TILT STOPS GLASS REFLECTION IN BUS WINDSHIELD 33/2

By tilting the windshield of the motorbus forward from bottom to top and painting the ceiling over the driver's seat black, an eastern company has found an effective way to eliminate reflection from the lights inside. The plan is said to contribute to the safety of night driving.

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Anita Loos, Testing the Color of Helene Millard's Hair with the Shade Chart

#### HAIR TESTS WITH COLOR CHART TO IMPROVE MOVIES

The actress for the motion-picture part may be beautiful and "screen well," but is her hair the proper color? The question is a very important one in the minds of the moving-picture photographers, and to answer it, a special color-testing chart has been devised. The candidate's hair is quickly and easily compared with the samples on the card, all of which have been photographed to determine their values in the finished picture. In this particular case, the performer's hair had to be as light or lighter than color No. 5 on the chart.

# chine like a bel-CAUTOMATIC VALVE ON RADIATOR lows, and is easy REGULATES TEMPERATURE

Direct control of room temperature is said to be afforded through a thermostatic valve attached to the radiator. It requires no power or special piping as it is self-contained, and there are no difficulties due to

leaks, lodgment of dirt or other troubles, the manufacturers claim. The temperature may be varied.



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Big Coast-Defense Rifle in Action during Marksmanship Test; the Gun Is Mounted on Railway Carriage for Easy Transportation

## SHOOTINGTWENTY-SEVEN MILES \* TESTS COAST GUN

Marksmen were given an opportunity, to test their skill recently when the giant coast-defense rifle at Fort MacArthur, Calif., was given its first service firing. This huge piece, mounted on a railway carriage, so that it can be transported to points of vantage quickly, has an effective range of over twenty-seven miles.

# RADIO IS WEAKENED BY LIGHT

Operators of radio station WLWL, in New York city, were mystified not long ago to discover that the signal's perceptibly weakened and then grew stronger during the broadcast. Examination showed that a powerful searchlight was

being played from a statue near by and, in its path, swept across the station's antenna. Whenever this occurred, the signals grew weaker. The phenomenon is in harmony with the fact that radio reception is usually better at night than during the day, for light ravs and radio waves, apparently "clash" in some mysterious way to the disadvantage of the latter. It has been suggested that the bright illumination in the cities near radio broadcasting stations is one reason why better reception at distant points is not accomplished. A weak searchlight probably would have no appreciable effect, however. 2560

# PAVING BLOCKS LAID WITH MOTOR

In laying street pavings blocks in Denmark, a may tor-driven pounder has been employed with success. It is said to do the

work of several men at a saving of time and expense and also performs the task more thoroughly. The outfit is somewhat like a small pile driver and the force of the blows can be easily regulated.



Placing Paving Blocks with the Portable Pounding Outfit Operated by a Motor

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WATER-SOAKED LOGS\_SALVAGED FOR LUMBER PROFITS

Minnesota lumbermen 375 Tealizing · profits from the wasteful methods of their predecessors, in salvaging logs which long have been under the waters of woodland lakes in the old timber districts. Millions of eighteen and twenty-foot cuts, entire rafts and other timbers in an excellent state of preservation, have been pulled from the lakes with big cranes and cut into boards. Much of the wood is of superior quality and it does not warp like green timber. More than 3,500,000 feet of lumber was taken from one lake last vear and like quantities from others. Removal of the logs is also an aid to users of canoes and motor boats.

> SELF-CHALKING PLUMB LINE SAVES WORKER TIME 299

For carpenters, contractors, masons and others who use a chalk line, a self-chalk-



ing cord on a reel that fits into the pocket, saves time and trouble. There is a chamber at the top which is filled with powdered chalk and a patented device prevents the contents from spilling. The reel is quickly wound or unwound, keeps the · line from tangling and knotting, and / can be folded out of the way.

#### GLASS FUSE PLUG DISCOLORS WHEN IT BLOWS OUT 276/

Detecting blown fuse plugs of the usual ype is not always easy, but can be done at a glance with a glass plug recently inproduced, the manufacturers claim, as it discolors at an overload or short circuit. The effect can be seen in the center of the top of the plug, and the unit is installed in practically the same manner as it is in the ordinary ones. Lectric 6,

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Did Aztec Children Play with Toy Soldiers? This Figure, from Burial Mound, Indicates That They Did

#### TOY SOLDIER CENTURIES OLD FOUND IN BURIAL MOUND

Interesting pottery images, believed to antedate the days of the Aztecs, were uncovered from a burial mound in Mexico recently. Among them was a figure of a warrior, indicating that toy soldiers may have been popular even then. statues of dogs were also found.

#### GOLF-BALL BRANDING STAMP • 140 AIDS IDENTIFICATION

Golf balls are quickly identified with the owner's initials in indelible ink by the use of a marking stamp specially adapted to fit the contour of the sphere and to hold the letters so that they cannot slip out. The outfit includes the stamp, pads and a supply of ink.



# FLOATING SERVICE STATIONS FOR LINERS

Fifty miles outside the Golden Gate, a trans-Pacific liner rolled, power in her engines only sufficient to hold her head to the seas. Her wireless crackled the story of her battle with winds and waves, tell- -ing in dots and dashes that her tanks were drained until she had not enough fuel to reach San Francisco. Five hours later, what seemed a submarine riding on the surface, noiseless as a floating shadow, swung in a wide circle until she lay alongside the pitching steamer. A great hose was lifted, passed inboard, and a hum as of a swarm of giant bumblebees arose from the small boat. In half an hour, the submarine had become a monitor, rising as she poured her own contents into the liner's fanks, showing herself for what she is—a floating service station for deepwater steamships. The general idea of a tanker is that of a huge, sluggish vessel, stored with thousands of barrels of oil, bound on long voyages. But up and down the Pacific coast, the oil-refining corporations have devised toy tankers, small craft, few of them more than 150 feet long, many of them much less, carrying from 1,000 to 2,500 barrels of crude oil, devoted to the servicing of ships. They also force their > streams of liquid fuel over thousands of feet of land lines, supplying gas-manufacturing establishments, truck tanks, for road builders, factories where oil is burned

and, in times of storm on the bays and harbors, flooding the waters with oil, so that other and larger ships may make their berths of protected anchorages in perfect safety.

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Trailer and Sidecar Fit This Motorcycle for Carrying the Camping Party and Equipment

# CAMP TRAILER ON MOTORCYCLE CUTS OUTING COSTS

Vacation and its camping trip at less cost was the object of an English motor-cyclist who rigged a trailer for his cycle. An advantage of the outfit was that it could be taken to places difficult to reach by automobile so that more secluded camping spots could be enjoyed, time saved and expenses reduced.

# SLOT MACHINE CANCELS LETTER

Use of a cancel permit for letters as a substitute for stamps is made available to the public in-a slot machine introduced in England. The envelope or card is placed in a slot, a coin inserted in another and the mark is stamped on by turning a handle. After the envelope is canceled, it passes into a compartment where it is later collected by the postman.



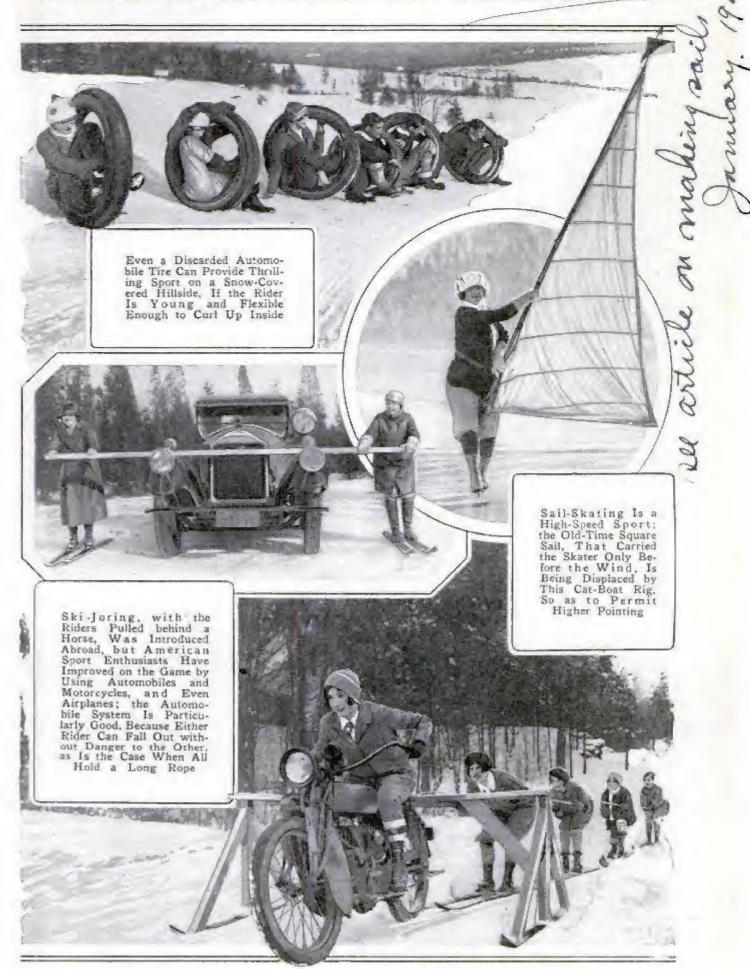
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#### PUTTING ZIP AND SPEED INTO WINTER SPORTS



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Earl Sande, America's Premier Jockey, Wearing the Floral Horseshoe after a Victory on "Sarazen"

By A. A. ALBELLI,

"THE chief thing about winning a race," declares Earl Sande, America's highest-paid jockey, "is to know your horse. I don't mean being acquainted with the horse, but knowing it—knowing its disposition and its temperament. Horses are as temperamental as prima donnas. You and the horse have got to be buddies."

"Taking it for granted that you know your horse well, how do you manage to push him out in front during a race?" he was asked.

"The best way I can explain that," he replied, "is to take the first day of the races here this season when I won the Saratoga handicap with 'Mars,' son of 'Man o' War.' 'Mars' is just like the rest of his kind, a fine mount. That was one of my typical races. I got my good start. I left it to somebody else to be the pace maker. But the good start is very important. Ground lost at the start is hard to make up. I made it my business to get the measure of

the field as soon as we made the first turn. Then I eased off a bit to give 'Mars' a breather and, when I was ready to spurt through, the colt was right with me.

"The thrill of shooting down the homestretch past 'Black Maria,' to beat that filly by a length and a half, was one I shall never forget."

"In that particular race, Mr. Sande, who was it that won, you or the horse? Is the race between the jockeys or the horses?"

Horseshoe after a sponded. "It is that combination I was telling you about which is struck up

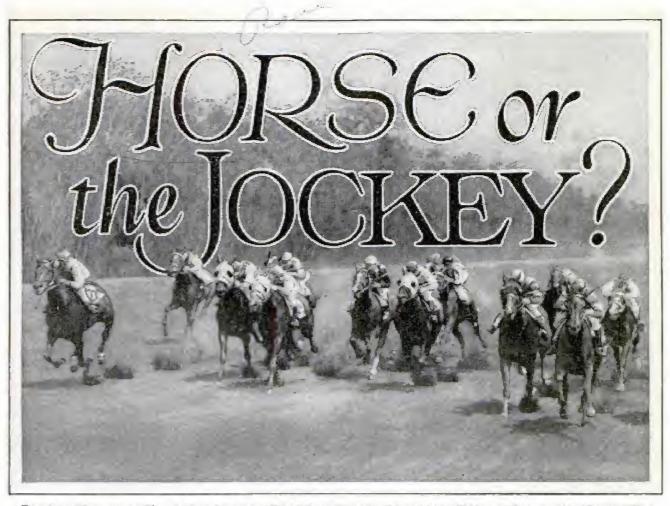
when the jockey gets on good terms with the horse. Then the two of you are made one. The one cannot win without the other."

"I think you are known to be a hand rider, Mr. Sande."

"You bet. That's just what I want to be known as. I never use a whip on a horse. I don't believe in it. Horses slow up and swerve when whipped. I have seen many instances where jockeys have lost races they might have won if they hadn't resorted to the whip.

"Race horses are almost human in that respect. You are their friend. They resent it very much when you welt them with a whip. Sometimes I think their feelings are hurt. Instead, I kind of like to jolly a horse along.

"That is something few riders can do. I think I have developed the knack to perfection. I actually talk to my horses. I give them baby talk. At the same time I



Fourteen Youngsters Thundering down the Track in a Race for Three-Year-Olds at Belmont; the Picture Was Taken 150 Yards from the Start, with the Field Still Bunched

paw them with my hands, sort of slap them gently to spur them on. But I never lose my head and abuse them. Horses are honest, usually, and they'll always give you the best that's in them if you only treat them right.

"'Mad Hatter,' which I rode in 1924, used to be a good one for that. This riding racket requires masterful strategy. No two races are the same, no two horses are the same. I used to have 'Mad Hatter' so trained that he knew when the cue came to overhaul the bunch. We'd be riding a little behind two leaders, then all of a sudden I would crouch over and barely whisper to 'Mad Hatter.'

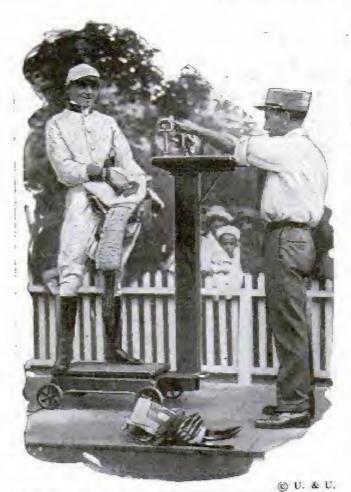
"I used to say, 'Whoa boy! Easy now! We're winning,' and sort of pet him. I would keep a light pull and keep talking to him, then suddenly I'd jerk and give him free rein and he was off like a bullet."

"Is the horse aware of the fact that he is running a race?"

"If I can help it, I keep my horse from being race-conscious. I don't let him notice the pace. Naturally a horse does not know he is running for a rich purse, though he is usually aware of the glory that awaits a victory.

"Then, when the horse finds that the track ahead of him is cluttered up with other horses, he just naturally lets out and runs around them. But that doesn't always work. There are different types and different temperaments. and-tuck variety of race, with quick thinking on the part of the rider, is the most common. The rider has got to be keen and ready to take advantage of any opening. Being on the alert and grabbing off the chances when they loom, is one of the strong points.

"For instance, I have been credited with an uncanny knack of starting a winning drive with a stolen length or two before my rivals realize that I have thrown myself heart and soul into the race. I always try very hard to win every race. I think that my self-confidence-untainted by vanity, mind you-together with my experience in riding most often carry me through to victory."



Weighing in Jockey Sande with All His "Tack," Including Saddle and Lead Weights

"Is there any money for the jockey in the horse-race business?"

"A good jockey will always find fair compensation. At the present time I am not under exclusive contract to anyone. Joseph E. Widener, the Philadelphia millionaire, has first call on me to ride his horses. He pays me \$15,000 a year for

that privilege. Otherwise I am entirely a free lance.

"Take that Saratoga handicap. 'Mars' was owned by Walter M. Jeffords. The purse was \$8,000, of which I received \$1,000. The rate is usually ten per cent of the purse to the winning jockey. I didn't figure that bad pay. Doing the mile and a quarter in 2:07% I brought the owner about \$63 a second, while I was earning about \$8 a second for myself. Not bad pay, eh?"

"What do you earn annually?"
"I make about \$50,000 a year."
"When did you first start riding?"

"Gosh," said this blond-haired youth, who doesn't look his twenty-nine years, "it goes so far back I can't remember."

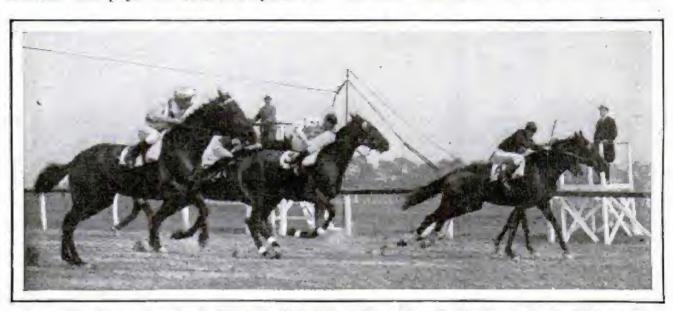
"Well, what is the first horse-riding ex-

perience you remember?"

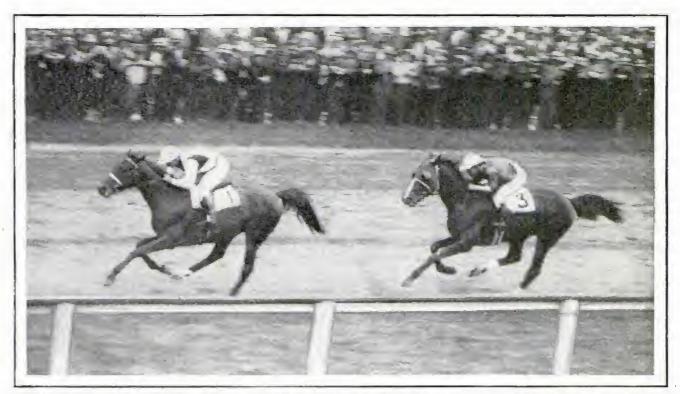
"That goes back to the time my family lived in American Falls, Idaho. I was fourteen then. At that time we were very poor. My father was boss of a section gang on the Milwaukee railroad.

"Without letting my mother and father know anything. I traded some ducks and my father's shotgun for a little roan named 'Babe.' My parents nearly went crazy when they found out what I had done. I thought they were going to kill me. But it was done and couldn't be undone.

"I started to ride 'Babe' in some of the pick-up races around the ranches. Then a cowboy of varied fortunes, who had seen me ride 'Babe,' wanted me to ride his 'cold-bloods,' which is a half-thorough-



Start of the Race at Jamaica, in Which the Colt "Sting" Set a New World's Record for the Distance of a Mile and Seventy Yards; the Barrier Is Seen above the Horses' Heads



"Peanuts," a Great Handicap Horse, Winning the Empire City Handicap, with "Sanford" Two Lengths-Behind; Note the Jockeys' Crouch, Developed by Tod Sloan

bred, in some sprints. There was a sort of rodeo and carnival in town that summer. I got \$2 for riding that man's horses. His name was Burr Scott.

"That winter I returned to school. One day Scott sent in a note to the teacher, stating he wanted to see me. He said he liked my way of riding and wanted me to go with him to Phoenix, Ariz., where he said I could make a lot of money as a jockey. So I ran away.

"We didn't do so well, and Scott got discouraged and quit the game. I started galloping horses for \$25 a week. At the age of nineteen I struck out for New Orleans. Here I won my first professional race with one of Joe Goodman's horses."

From that time forward, Sande began to win. He took the Kentucky Derby, the blue-ribbon event of the American turf, twice, once with "Zev" and again with "Flying Ebony." He won the historic Belmont stakes four times, the Suburban handicap three times, the Metropolitan handicap twice with "Mad Hatter" and he was second in the Futurity thrice.

Sande has won so many races he has lost count. In 1925, he went through with 718 winners out of 2,680 starts. He says his average has been about the same since. Harry Sinclair, of the Rancocas stables, whose horses Sande rode one year, has earned more from Sande's services than

anybody else. In that one year Sande netted Sinclair \$564,000.

"In the old days," commented Sande, "I used to ride the whole card of six races a day for \$10."

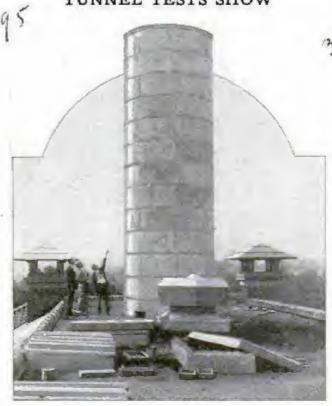
The life of a jockey, however, is not all clover. It is perilous. There are hardships to endure. One must fight against mental hazards and depression which might grow out of adversity. In 1924, Sande was badly injured at Saratoga while trying to edge through an opening next to the rail. He suffered a broken thigh. The wiseacres said he was through. Later he came back by winning the Derby with "Flying Ebony."

The jockey permits himself no dissipation, no matter how slight. Sande neither drinks nor smokes. Then there is the weight to think about. Every morning Sande takes to the road and jogs along for several miles. He is heavily clothed so as to knock off weight. He says when he can't make the weight, about 115 pounds, any longer, and the muscles begin to harden, he'll become a trainer. "But that's over ten years off," he said.

"What are the opportunities for young men in the jockey field?" he was asked.

"Well," he said, ponderingly, "well, I've told my story. Now if you were a young man what do you think? Would you want to do it? It's a matter for the individual to decide. Only one thing I say, the young man who contemplates the jockey game wants to be sure he can stand the gaff, there's an awful lot of ups and downs in the game. It takes a brave heart to fight it out."

BUILDINGS "EXPLODE" IN WIND TUNNEL TESTS SHOW



Model Smokestack on Bureau of Standards Laboratory Which Is Studied for Wind-Stress Data

Interesting data concerning the behavior of structures of different kinds in severe winds are being gathered by tests at the bureau of standards. One of the units employed is a model of a typical factory building, erected within a giant wind tunnel through which strong air currents are forced. Preliminary results seem to show that suction rather than pressure tends to cause the building to explode outward rather than collapse inward. Another test involves a chimney, ten feet in diameter and thirty feet high, on top of one of the laboratory buildings. punctured with twenty-four holes in a circle, each hole connected with a pressure gauge so that experts can measure the amount of suction and pressure for each direction of the wind every fifteen degrees around the stack. Information obtained from this test will be arranged for the benefit of builders seeking to construct the strongest stacks within the range of efficiency and economy. Other experiments are staged to determine how much of a motor car's power is used to push the air aside and how aircraft behave in currents of varying velocities manufactured in the "cave of the winds," the bureau's big testing tunnel.

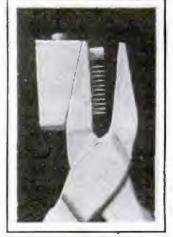
EARTH CRUST SIXTY MILES DEEP

Data gathered by the coast and geodetic survey indicate that the earth's crust is more than slxty miles thick, but that does not mean that the interior below is necessarily a molten, flowing mass. By "crust," the geologists mean the outer layer of the earth within which certain densities may be maintained, and their estimate as to its thickness was obtained by mathematical analysis of various earth movements. The crust is believed to be comparatively weak in order that internal adjustments may be made as readily as they are, after quakes, for instance. The investigators hold that the earth is solid throughout. Shifting of materials horizontally at the surface or below the crust, sets up stresses which express themselves in earth tremors. These occur almost every day as the seismographs prove.

# TESTER FOR ELECTRIC WIRING

Broken places in insulated electric wires can be located, without the necessity of

extensive removals, with a novel tester recently introduced. It is constructed like a pair of pliers, the upper jaw being lined with old phonograph needles of metal. When these are pressed into the wire, the live side is quickly revealed



on contact with the needles, but the tester is insulated to prevent injury to the user. It is said that the instrument does not damage, the insulation on the wire.

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Nearing the End; the Rabbits Have Been Rounded Up over a Wide Expanse of Country, Driven into the Corral and Will Be Killed; Drives like This Are Needed to Save Crops

## RABBITS SLAIN BY THOUSANDS IN MONSTER DRIVES

Owing to the decreasing numbers of wolves, coyotes and other natural enemies, the jack rabbit is prospering in many parts of the west and, some years, infests the fields in such large numbers that whole-

sale slaughter is necessary. This is accomplished by a drive in which ranchers and townsmen over a wide area participate. The brush is beaten for miles around, the drivers advancing on foot, horseback, buckboard or auto, until the herds of rabbit are driven into a corral through a V-shaped barricade. They are then killed. Twenty thousand or more may be destroyed in a drive of this kind, and, for a few

seasons, the rabbits do not cause such great damage. In California, losses caused by the animals have run as high as \$600,000 a year in one county.

# FANCY SUNBURN WITH STENCILS LATEST FASHION FAD 368 3

Stencil papers, cut in various patterns and applied to the skin, leave lighter areas when they are removed after exposure to the sun, so that an "artistic" sunburn is produced. The method proved popular last season at swimming beaches. Fruit growers have used this system for some time on apples and other products, initials of the orchard owner and elaborate designs being made on the fruit in the same manner.

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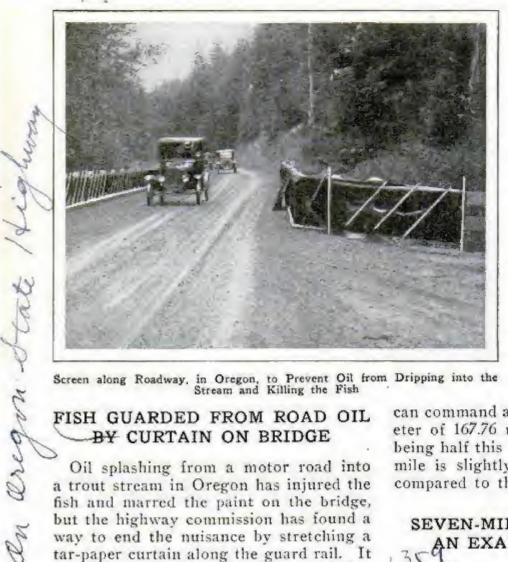


Removing the Stencil Protectors After Skin around Them Has Been Sunburned to Produce Designs

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Screen along Roadway, in Oregon, to Prevent Oil from Dripping into the Stream and Killing the Fish

#### FISH GUARDED FROM ROAD OIL BY CURTAIN ON BRIDGE

Oil splashing from a motor road into a trout stream in Oregon has injured the fish and marred the paint on the bridge, but the highway commission has found a way to end the nuisance by stretching a tar-paper curtain along the guard rail. It is securely fastened and placed high enough to protect the bridge, while the barrier below keeps the oil from trickling in from the road.

#### THE MOST DIFFICULT RAILWAY 38 COVERS SEVENTY MILES

Twisting through a mountainous country between Mack, Colo., and Watson, Utah, the Uintah railroad is officially recognized as the most difficult line to operate in the United States. It is seventy miles long and is used principally for hauling a mineral employed in the manufacture of shellacs, varnishes, lacquers and insulation for high-tension electrical apparatus. In thirty-five miles, the road climbs from an altitude of 4,541 to 8,437 feet, and along another stretch there are nearly twenty curves to the mile. A specially constructed engine was necessary for this road in order to negotiate the sharp curves and the steep grades. In places, the bends attain a curvature of sixty-six degrees.

#### WHAT THE AIRMAN SEES BELOW

the skies are clear, an\_aviator at a height of 6,000 feet can see more than eighty miles. How flying has pushed back the horizon is apparent when it is realized that a man five feet six inches tall, standing at sea level, can see but two and onehalf nautical miles over the ocean. Ascending but 100 feet increases the limit of his vision to more than ten miles, at 3,000 feet he can gaze more than fifty-eight miles before the horizon interferes and at 6,000 feet, he

can command a circular area with a diameter of 167.76 nautical miles, the horizon being half this distance away. A nautical mile is slightly more than 6,000 feet as compared to the usual 5,280 feet.

#### SEVEN-MILE BALL OF STRING" AN EXAMPLE OF THRIFT

As an example of thrift, employes in the post office at Loomis, Calif., saved bits of string salvaged from packages, and before long had an enormous ball containing nearly seven miles of twine. The sphere, measuring five feet in circumference, was sent to the post office department in Washington.



Seven Miles of String, the Result of Saving Bits from Post-Office Packages at Loomis, Calif.

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WINTER REFUGE FOR WILD ELK GIVEN TO GOVERNMENT 325

Deed to 1,760 acres of land in the Jackson Hole country of Wyoming recently was given to the government by the Izaak Walton league, as an additional refuge and feeding ground for wild elk that are driven out of the high portions of Yellowstone park and near-by country with the approach of winter snows. The land was purchased by popular subscription, more than \$40,000 being raised from as many Between 8,000 and 10,000 contributors. elk are fed there each year. Two men are retained to grow and harvest the hay, which is distributed to the animals throughout the winter until they can return to their usual feeding grounds.

SCOOP FOR ICE-CREAM CONES SAVES TIME AND TROUBLE

Filling ice-cream cones with the ordinary dipper or disher is often attended with waste, loss of time and breakage of the cone. These difficulties are said to have been eliminated in a special scoop that shapes a serving of the cream to conform

with the cone and permits dropping it in, point down, so that it fills the container and does not drip from the sides. An outward movement of a small thumb piece on the scoop allows the cream to fall into the cone.

The unit may also be used for jelly, puddings or other dishes for the home table.

#### FARMYARDS AT SEA 333

Installation of flower gardens on some of the ocean liners, from which come decorations for the dining tables, recalls a queer craft that once plied between England and Ireland. It was operated entirely by women and was the sole means of livelihood of two elderly sisters. They had a well-kept kitchen garden and a poultry yard on the deck, and supported themselves by selling the products.

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Painter Wearing Mask While Spraying; Note the Line Connected to Main Supply Pipe

#### AIRLINE FROM PAINT SPRAYER SUPPLIES WORKER'S MASK

Extra protection is afforded against the danger of inhaling poison fumes while spraying paint in a mask that utilizes air pressure from the line to the paint nozzle. A length of braided tubing leads from a valve on the main supply line to the mouthpiece so that a current of air is constantly available to the wearer without exposure to the fume-laden atmosphere. The mask is easily adjusted and the valve can be regulated to suit the operator.

#### VALVE GRINDER THAT FITS HAND EASES MECHANIC'S WORK

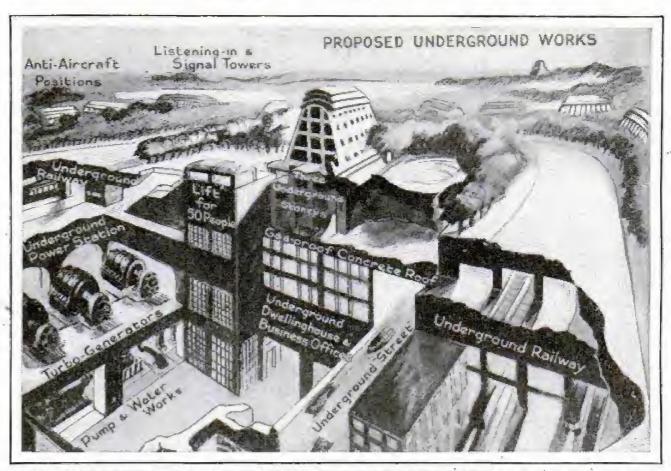
Reconditioning the auto valves is simplified by a grinder that is shaped to fit the mechanic's hand, so that he can obtain a strong grip and work with greater accuracy and increased comfort, instead of having merely a knob at the top or

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an awkward, cumbersome tool to grasp. There are no parts to get out of order.

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Sectional View of Underground City, Proposed by Russian Architects as Protection against Bombs and Gas; Note the Above-Ground Building with Sloping Walls and Multiple Roofs

## Bomb and Gas-Proof Cities of Future

#### Russians Plan Weird Architecture to Save Civilian Population against Possible Attack by Fleets of Giant Air Raiders

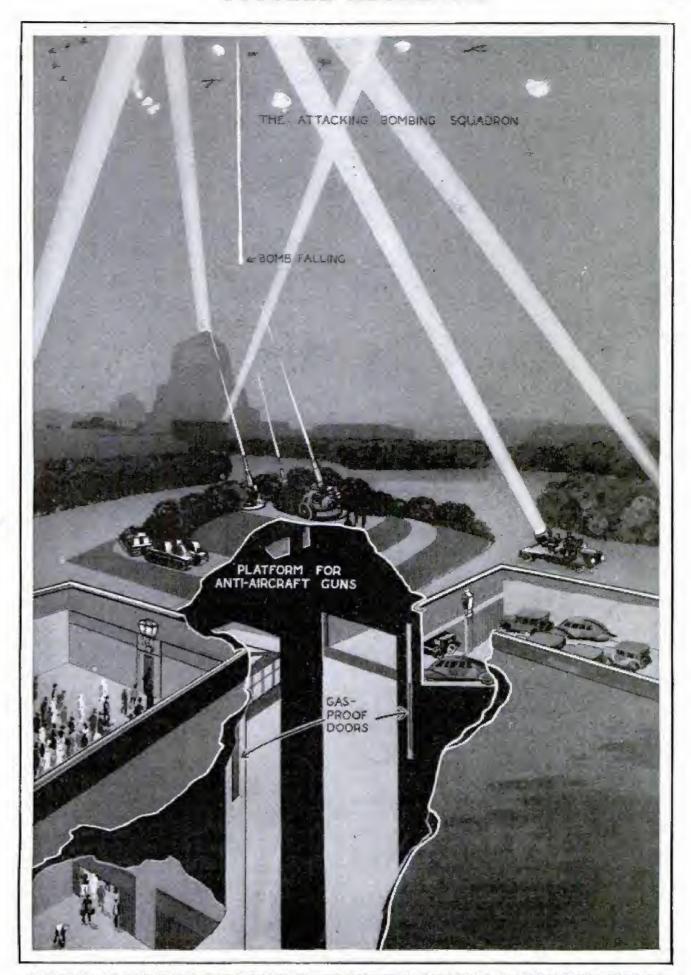
MEN may have to go back to their cavedwelling ancestors and live a large part of their lives underground; big cities may have to be decentralized and spread, in low-lying buildings, over vast areas. broken up by parks and open spaces, if the threatened horrors of aerial warfare really materialize.

Those are the conclusions reached by soviet officials in Moscow, who are busy at work planning a gas and bomb-proof city capable of resisting attack from the air. The soviet architects featured a recent anti-war "Scare Week" with plans for such a city. The plans called for vast subterranean cities, covered by reinforcedconcrete roofs, which in turn were buried under many feet of sod and earth. Railways and streets, as well as sidewalks, would also be placed underground.

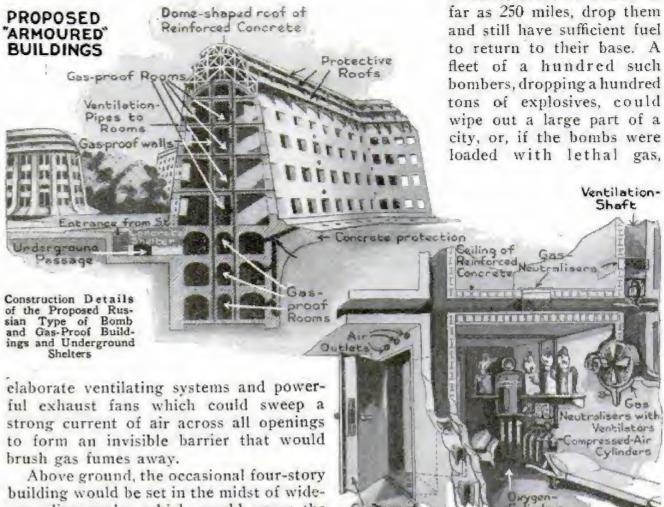
Such buildings as would be permitted above ground would be limited to four

stories in height. The outer walls would taper, to offer the smallest possible target from above, and they would be surmounted by triple reinforced-concrete roofs, with honeycomb air spaces between to take up the shock of an exploding The roof idea is similar to the bomb. blister plan used as a submarine defense for warships, an outer shell or blister exploding the torpedo on contact, and the inner space taking up the shock before the main hull is reached. Not all bombs explode on contact, but the triple roofs would offer sufficient resistance to stop even a penetration type and explode it before the interior of the building could be reached.

Every outlet to the air, including all doors and windows, would be rendered gas-proof, while the underground passages and refuge rooms would be protected against poison gas by double doors,



Night in the City of the Future, as Russian Designers Imagine It: the Civilian Population Finds Refuge behind Gas-Tight Doors Underground, While Bombs Rain on Broad Parks and Dissipate Their Force without Harm; Only Searchlight and Listening Posts and Battery Positions Are Manned above Ground



building would be set in the midst of widespreading parks, which would cover the labyrinth of cave dwellings deep beneath the surface. Occasional listening and signal towers and platforms for anti-aircraft guns would be interspersed among the scattered houses.

Another idea advanced by the Russians is the building of powerful gas neutralizers, which would draw the gas-laden air through water spray and chemicals and release it as pure air again.

The possibility of horrors in the next war beyond anything hitherto dreamed of is being given consideration throughout Europe, especially in Russia, Germany and German magazine, Die A Woche, recently pointed out that in the next war a city such as New York, with its tremendously tall buildings and enormous concentration of millions of defenseless people in a restricted area, would be "a giant with feet of clay, a veritable man trap." Bombing planes, the writer pointed out, have risen two miles into the air carrying a load of six and a half tons of bombs, besides the weight of the crew and their supplies. Modern bombers can carry spread a curtain of death over a vast area. A 225 to 525-pound bomb would demolish a big building, and the larger sizes, weighing from 1,640 to 3,280 pounds, as used in bombing tests, would each wipe out an entire city block.

a ton or more of bombs as

Lord Halsbury, former assistant inspector of high explosives in the British ministry of munitions, writing in the Lon-

don Daily Mail, recently said:

Double Doors

"In a war of any magnitude there will not merely be armies engaging armies, but whole nations mobilized against na-It inevitably follows that the old demarcation between the military forces and civilian population will cease to exist. The first conclusion that emerges is that an attack will be made upon the civilian population. From the dislike of facing unpleasant truths, an answer comes read-'London,' it is said, 'was ily to many. bombed during the war, and not much damage was done after all.' The answer omits one very serious consideration. London was attacked with incendiary

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and explosive bombs. Since then great strides have been made in chemical warfare. The only other answer that may be made is that it would be impossible to drop sufficient gas. Some two years ago, I pointed out that, in the vital triangle including the Thames docks and Clapham function, 2,000 tons of gas would create a lethal atmosphere over all that area to a height of forty feet."

TIRE HEATER FOR LOCOMOTIVES
SIMPLIFIES REPAIRS

When the big tires on the driving wheels of a locomotive become worn enough to require replacement, it is necessary to remove them by expanding with a heater. An improved unit for this work has recently been devised by a Pennsylvania railroad employe. While similar to others, it is said to eliminate the danger of burning varnish off the engine-wheel centers, jacket and cab, thoroughly heats the tire in about twelve minutes and is used in placing new tires on the wheel. It is so arranged that ignited gas from preheated oil makes a blazing ring around the wheel except six inches at the bottom.

# STATUE OF COW ADVERTISES CITY CREAMERY 20/9

Statues of a cow were placed at several localities near Los Angeles, recently, to advertise a local creamery. The first figure was prepared from a live model, the artist keeping the cow near his studio.



Art for Advertising; Statues of Cow and Dairy Maid along California Highways Celebrate Creamery



Package Tier in Operation; String Is Easily Passed over Entire Bundle and Machine Is Movable

#### PORTABLE PACKAGE TIER SAVES TIME AND EXPENSE

For manufacturing plants producing, merchandise in boxes, a package tier, recently introduced, can tie 45,000 boxes a day in approximately 2,500 bundles with but one operator required. It is said to wrap the twine about the parcel at even tension, preventing cutting or damaging the boxes, and eliminates the need of corner cards. Little skill is necessary to operate the unit, and it can be moved about to any convenient place in the shop.

## PLAN TO DYE GAVALRY HORSES TO COMBAT AIR ATTACKS 3 243

Dyed horses and "shineless" saddles are under consideration at the cavalry school at Fort Riley. Kans., as a means of protecting mounted units against low-flying airplane attacks. It has also been suggested that a "flock" formation be adopted to keep the men scattered and so decrease the likelihood of heavy casualties in case of assault from the air. Tests have shown that the glint of the polished saddle-seat leather is easily visible to observers in the planes.

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Bowlders in Stream Bed to Prevent Water from Tearing Out Bottom and Banks by Breaking Force of Flow

## ARTIFICIAL BOWLDERS IN RIVER PROTECT BED FROM WEAR

A western irrigation district has found that river or creek beds, subjected to unusually high velocities, can be protected from erosion by scattering artificial concrete bowlders irregularly over the channel bottom. Those shown in the illustration proved effective where velocities were as high as thirty feet a second, and were made to contain two cubic yards of concrete.

## VILLAGE SMITHY STILL HERE

That the "cough" of the motor has not completely displaced the clang of the anvil was shown at a horseshoers' convention in Jersey City recently, when it was announced that there are 70,000 blacksmiths in the United States today and prediction was made that the number would increase. In New York city alone, there are 65,000 horses, enough to keep many smiths' fires burning, and wise men of the craft have fitted their shops to do automobile repair work so that cars have contributed to their business instead of diminishing it.

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## RABBIT FUR GIVEN MANY NAMES

3 3 According to David C. Mills, general director of the national association of the fur industry, at least seventy-five names have been given to rabbit pelts in efforts to make the product more appealing to the purchasers. Among these are "Russian Leopard," "Moline," "Nutriette," "French Sable" and "Visionette." The fur is disguised by the skillful use of special dyes.

## POLICEMEN CARRY TRAFFIC SIGNS 2 13 ON BACK

Traffic policemen in Singapore carry

rattan signs with red disks at each end; to direct autos. The disks reflect the light of approaching cars so that the drivers can easily see if the signal is set against them. To indicate a change in traffic, the police-



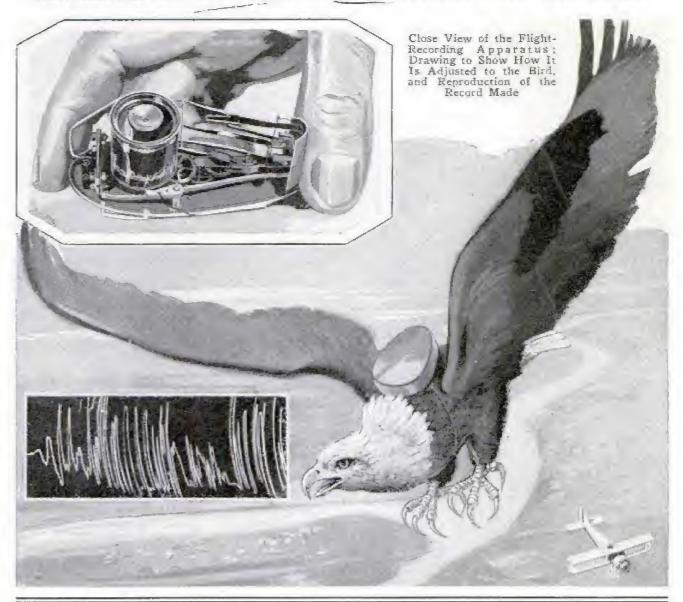
Singapore Policeman with His Lighted Rattan "Arm" That Helps Him Direct Traffic

man has but to turn the signal through an angle of forty-five degrees.

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## SECRETS OF BIRDS' FLIGHT SOUGHT BY SCIENCE



Courtesy Je Sais Tout

While the secrets of a bird's flight are not yet wholly solved, with an apparatus devised by two French scientists, accurate measurements have been made as to the amount of flying energy expended, the number of wing beats, speed, and other factors. The bird registers its own record of its flight on the instrument, which is essentially a small revolving drum actuated through a system of levers and strapped to the bird's back in such a way that wings, feet, neck and tail are left free. The drum makes a revolution every six seconds, starts automatically when the bird is released, and shows the flight record as a wavering line on the drum. The curves illustrated here represent the flight of a pigeon. They show that the bird started slowly and beat its wings at

the rate of six to eight times a second at the beginning, sufficient to sustain four times its own weight. A complete "report" of a pigeon's performance from the time it was started until it returned to its loft has been made with the unit. One of the interesting facts revealed is that a bird flies on an almost negligible expenditure of energy because it takes advantage of both natural air currents and those created by itself for support and motion. The problem is: To what extent can these forces be applied to future flying machines? Experts do not hesitate to state that means of making such application soon will be found and among them are some who even presage from the experiments the realization of man flight by his own muscular power.

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The Gales Blow So Hard That the Icicles, Clinging to Life Lines and Rails, Stick Out at Weird Angles

#### By EDWARD BERNARD

RACE with death and disaster, with \$150,000,000 as a side bet, is run every year on the waters of the Great Lakes, in the effort of several hundred vessels to make "just one more trip."

Ships of the lakes that sail through placid waters during the calms of spring and summer, become places of fear when the order comes for that one last trip.

Captains, ever watchful, knowing that an accident means wrecked ambitions. spend sleepless nights and foodless days when the time of year comes for the one extra voyage, the last of the year's cargoes.

Insurance companies will not take a chance on the last trips. Owners may make their bets with the Storm King each year if they will, but after midnight, Nov. 30. the underwriters declare hands off. They refuse to wager. Last year \$150,-000,000 in ships and cargoes remained

locked in the ice near the

"One more trip," declared Capt. Albert J. Mahon of the steamship "John J. Barlum" as he pulled out of Duluth with a cargo of ore, Chicago-bound.

Three hours later he faced the worst gale of his forty years on the lakes. Great waves that none of the thousands who take pleasure trips to lake resorts every year have ever seen, swept the vessel. Ice formed everywhere and officers climbing into the wheelhouse were forced to cut a tunnel through to the door.

"Guess we'll have to pull over before we roll over." said the captain, as he gave the order that swung the big 505-foot freighter at right angle to her course, a point off Michipocoten island. Down the opposite

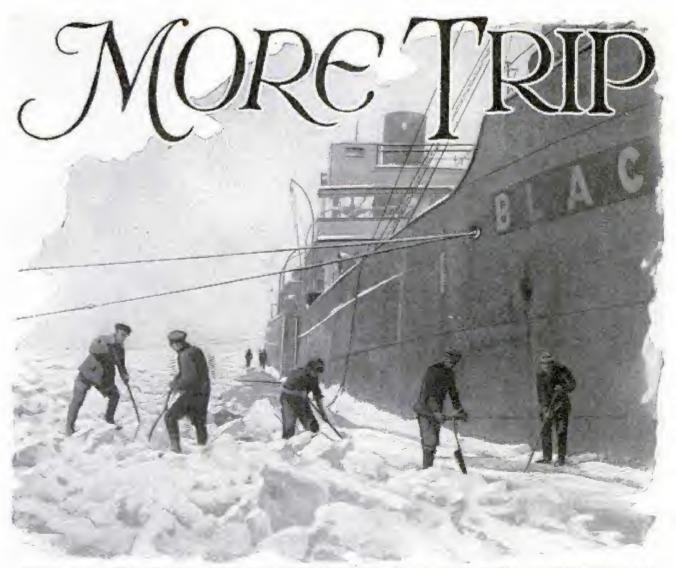
shore of Lake Superior the steamship rolled by Copper Mine Point, within a few hours of the time when another "last

tripper" had gone ashore.

This was the steamship "Cottonwood." Her crew got ashore. No more desolate spot could be found in the entire lake country. Suffering from exposure and lack of food, volunteers chose to risk the lake in a small boat to bring relief to their fellows. Those on shore waited through a long night, fires being kept burning to ward off hungry wolves heard near the miserable camp.

Neither ship was equipped with wireless, said Capt. Mahon, and the "John J. Barlum" knew nothing of the "Cottonwood" disaster until hours later.

Tacking back and forth across the greatest of the lakes, the steamship acted as did the sailing vessels of years ago and



Crew of a Big Grain Carrier Working to Chop a Lane in the St. Lawrence, to Give the Boat Room for a Short Run, So That She Could Ram the Ice Pack and Split It Apart

yet such navigation saved the \$1,000,000 boat and her \$1,000,000 cargo of ore.

Forty-three hours Capt. Mahon stood at the window of the wheelhouse, staring into the gale. Once he lunched on sandwiches and tea, never once attempting to make the galley. Men forward dared not venture aft for meals. Many went hungry for hours rather than attempt passage over a wave-swept deck.

Down Lake Michigan, the storm continued and when the big vessel nosed her way down the Calumet river to the docks of the Wisconsin steel company, all hoped that the last trip of the year had been made.

"Ashland for cargo of ore," came the crisp order over the wire. Captain and crew who had weathered the worst storm of the year were again off on "one more trip."

Out on Lake Michigan that night, steaming along in ballast, the captain soon

Straight north the ship headed into another gale, the wind growing in volume each hour, bringing another sleepless night for the skipper. Lights ashore told their story of snug Chicago apartments, warm nomes, gay dinners in palatial hotels. Aboard the "John J. Barlum," what a contast! In the wheelhouse the captain and J. McCarthy, first mate, got the vessel on her course and through the darkness discussed the fury of the gale just passed and the possibility of the one brewing.

At the Soo warnings were out and when the "John J. Barlum" passed Whitefish Point, headed due north, twelve ships were anchored behind the shelter.

During the day the captain told of disasters that came upon ships of the past that ventured one last trip.

"Caribou island, to the port," he began, "was the scene of a sad wreck. The famous Minch family of Cleveland built



With Hold Full of Automobiles and Hundreds Lashed to Her Decks, "The City of Bangor" Was Driven Ashore in Lake Superior by a Winter Gale; Note the Ice-Covered Cars

what was then the largest steel vessel on the lakes. Five members of the family came along with the captain on what actually proved to be the ship's last trip. During the night, the steward started forward to bring some food to the owners. Amidships he saw a great crack in the vessel—she was breaking in two. Only time enough remained for him to grab a life preserver and sound a warning. But, it came too late. All were lost, except the steward. He was picked up twenty-four hours later."

The year 1926 will go down in history as the year of the big winds on the lake, declared the captain. "Worse than 1913," he maintained. "That was the year of the many wrecks—the 'Charles S. Price,' 'Isaac M. Scott,' 'Henry B. Smith,' 'John A. McGean,' the 'Argus,' 'Hydrus,' 'James Carruthers,' 'Waxford,' 'Regina,' 'Leafield,' all gone.

"It was along here, probably further back near Whitefish Point, that the 'Orinoco' and her tow were wrecked two years ago. The towline was cut and the captain ordered the crew of twenty off in boats. He was Capt. Lawrence—a fine fellow—and, with the chief engineer, Joseph Wurtz, and wheelman Hugh Gordon, remained on board. All three were lost.

Twenty hours later the crew made Montreal island, two of them having died from exposure.

"O, I tell you, sailing at this time of the year is no pleasure business."

Officer McCarthy was on duty when the first blizzard on the trip north was encountered. One could see it miles away, and the ship rushed into a dense wall of gloom—one minute sunshine, the next darkness. Immediately the whistle started its fog warning and just in time. Out of the darkness appeared another ship.

A man on the bridge with a megaphone meant a message. It was caught as the two vessels rushed by. "Five inches of ice in Ashland harbor," the voice said.

The next day, after another sleepless night for the skipper, Apostle islands were sighted. "Too bad we can't see Isle Royal, way over there to the port," said Capt. Mahon. "It's the scene of the lakes' worst disaster. It's where the 'Algoma' was sunk with more than 200 aboard.

"Funny thing, too, about the 'Algoma' wreck. Years ago I had a wheelman, who, despite his 35 years, was white-headed. I liked him very much. Once when passing Isle Royal I remarked about it being the scene of the wreck. The wheelman turned to me and said, 'yes, captain, I

was the man at the wheel in that wreck.' His premature white hairs were explained."

Docking a 505-foot freighter in the dark, through a solid sheet of five-inch ice formed just one of the many incidents of the "John J. Barlum's" trip. A tug came to assist.

"We'll go in stern first," said the captain. "Ice will form during the night and I don't want to chance the rudder.'

That night the crew worked tirelessly. Holds, after they were filled with ore, must be covered. Each hatch must be covered with canvas-no small job when the canvas is frozen stiff. Winter came to Ashland early and hands were frozen, ears nipped. But, throughout it all came the piping tunes of the "John J. Barlum" ditty:

"If you only knew there are men in the crew From Amherstherg to Harlem.
When your work is through, there's nothing to do, On the good ship John J. Barlum."

The next morning the "Barlum" cut through six instead of five inches of ice. Then came a nor'wester and, when Whitefish Point was sighted, the gale registered fifty-two miles an hour.

"On the ship ahead of us coming down on the last trip, the men stayed forward two whole days, not daring to cross the

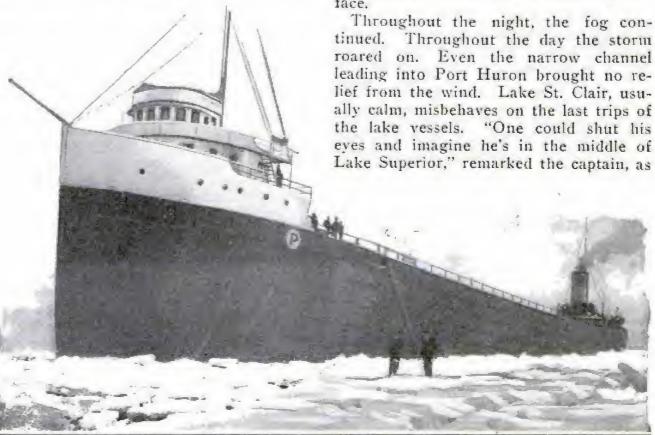
decks for their meals," declared the captain. "You see, heavy seas were breaking over the decks and ice formed about the life line to such thickness as to make it useless. One of the men, declaring he would rather drown than starve, made a dash for his dinner. But, he was caught amidships and went overboard. Of course his body was never recovered.'

Cheerful talk, this! Spray, by this time, freezing as it fell, had completely covered the decks with a coating of ice. True, it had been the means of decking the steamship in Thanksgiving holiday attire, fringing the cables with pearl and



Captain Mahon of the "John J. Barlum"

polishing the decks with a gleaming surface.



The Steamer "John J. Barlum," Caught in the Ice of the St. Marys River, below the Locks at Sault Ste. Marie, on Her Last Trip of the Year up the Lakes for a Final Cargo

the ship plunged on toward the rosy glow that indicated Detroit.

Lake Erie meant more wind and Cleveland was welcomed by captain and crew.

"Do we tie up here?" the question was asked of man to his officer, the officer to the captain.

The owner answered. It was an order to make "one more trip." This time to Chicago with a cargo of coal.

Midnight of November 30 had passed and when on the first day of December the "John J. Barlum" started on her "one last trip" she contributed to the annual \$150,000,000 bet made by lake ship owners.

For insurance ceases. Owners may take a chance. Crews may ship aboard vessels in the danger season. Skippers may follow orders that mean sleepless nights and double worries. But, insurance companies say, "nothing doing."

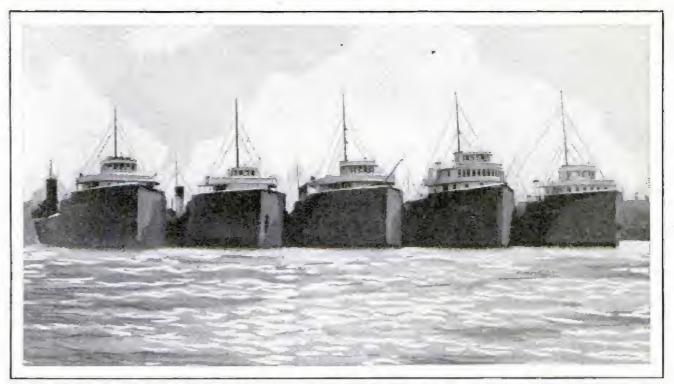
Once again started, the "John J. Barlum" began her last trip. Through gales and logs she gamely fought her way into the St. Marys river, where with more than 100 of her kind, she succumbed for a time to the onslaught of winter. For days her men stayed aboard, waiting for the laboring tugs to clear a passage. None dared leave the boat to make shore, for the lake ice was treacherous. One man attempted it from another vessel and his life was the forfeit.

Then the day came when passage was cleared. The "John J." headed for Chicago. One of the winners in the \$150,-000,000 bet, she berthed into a snug haven and when the orders came to "tie up for the winter," the "John J. Barlum" had made her "one last trip,"

Less fortunate was the freighter "The City of Bangor." With holds and deck loaded with a consignment of automo-



Ice-Breaking Tug Opening a Road for the Ore and Grain Carriers, Top, and Part of the Ice-Bound Fleet in the St. Marys Waiting Their Turns to Be Released



Tied Side by Side, Five of the Low-Lying Ships, Each with Its Ten or Twelve Thousand Tons of Ore, Wait for the River Passage to Be Opened for the Dash to Safety

gan. There she remained where help could not reach her and slowly she became iceincased, which was all that saved her from being dashed to pieces.

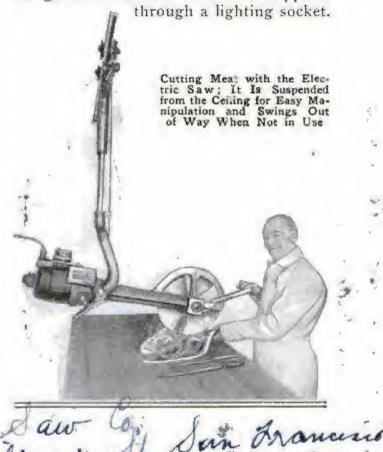
A constant watch had been kept on board the ship but it was finally decided that all efforts to salvage the boat itself were useless, so the insurance underwriters turned to the salvaging of the cargo. Two hundred automobiles is too valuable a cargo to let Lake Superior claim, and a firm of wreckers were given the task of removing the cars. The task was not an easy one, requiring the building of a road for a distance of several miles through a heavily timbered country on shore before any communication could be established with northern Michigan towns not isolated by snow.

The majority of the cars were stored below the decks and were hoisted with block and tackle to the improvised ice road leading to shore. Those on deck were ice-incrusted and were pried from their firm footing by jets of steam.

## ELECTRIC SAW FOR BUTCHERS SAVES TIME AND WORK

Swung from a shaft attached to the ceiling, an electrically operated circular saw for butchers is adapted to a wide variety of work, saves time and effort and

requires practically no attention except an occasional oiling. The outfit is so arranged that the current is automatically shut off when the saw is released, preventing waste, and is turned on simply by lowering the blade into working position. The saw is so balanced that the blade is raised out of the way, so that it cannot injure the operator, at the same time he lets go of the handle. Power is supplied



#### FROM STAGECOACH TO THE LATEST EXPRESS PLANE



What will be the next mode of travel? The question cannot be answered, but changes in the past justify replies that may seem fanciful, for who, in the days of the stagecoach, would have believed that travel by air would be common in a few decades? Old and modern methods of transportation were illustrated recently in Chicago when a stagecoach was drawn alongside an express and passenger airplane for the Chicago-Dallas service.

## AUTO LIGHT IS SELF-DIMMING

AUTO LIGHT IS SELF-DIMM
AND PENETRATES FOG

Fifteen per cent
more light on the
road ahead and
greatly increased
fog penetration
are claimed for an
automobile headlamp bulb that lamp bulb that dims itself without attention from the driver. To ap-

proaching motorists it appears to grow less bright and almost vanishes at closer range, due to the special design of the bulb, although it affords the operator a constant illumination ahead. The units fit any type of automobile lamp.

## SCOTLAND YARD ENLISTS RADIO

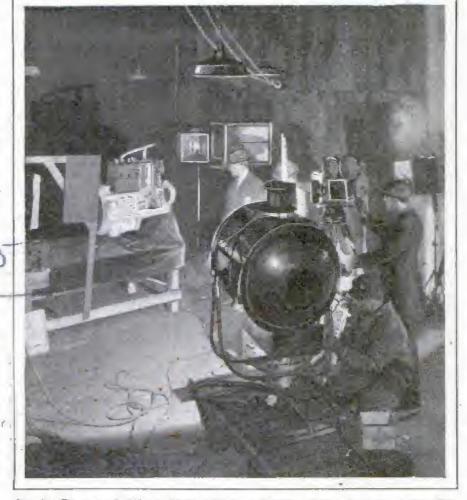
2 Scotland Yard's recently organized radio squad has been doing effective work with specially designed sets by which quick communication is established between units touring the city districts and the central office. The detail has proved especially useful in frustrating automobile thefts. In a recent three-month period, only one attempt at auto stealing out of 100 was successful. When riots were threatened during the Sacco-Vanzetti disturbances, a squad of detectives in a motor car heard that a march was proposed on Buckingham palace. The squad immediately radioed the word to Scotland Yard and, before the procession could get under way, 500 police, mounted and on foot, were in readiness to disperse the demonstrators. A window-smashing gang had planned to steal a quantity of diamonds

displayed in Cartier's famous shop in Bond street. The Yard heard of the plot, within a few moments the store was surrounded by detectives and, when the thickes drove up in their luxurious automobile with chauffeur attending, they were promptly arrested. The catch was made ten minutes after Scotland Yard had been tipped off.

## LUMBERING AIDED BY AMPHIBIAN TUG

Ontario, Can., are utilizing a land-going tug in districts where booms of logs have to be towed on lakes and rivers to the mills. The craft is scowshaped and driven by two propellers when in the water. It can pull itself out of a stream and travel across country to the next body of water where

there is work for it to do. This is accomplished by means of a steel cable, anchored to a tree or other solid object and wound up on a drum on the tug. Portages of five to ten miles are often made by these craft, which are solidly built and fitted on the bottom with iron-shod oak runners.



In the Bureau of Mines Motion-Picture Studio, Showing One of the Big Lights for Filming Interiors

## ROMANCES OF INDUSTRY TOLD IN MOVIE LIBRARY

More than sixty subjects involved in the romantic task of taking wealth from underground are depicted in a series of motion pictures prepared by the bureau

of mines. The work has been going on for eight years, and elaborate equipment, including portable lighting facilities that furnish 12,000.000 candlepower, has been devised for the task. One of the illuminating units is a huge searchlight somewhat like that used on airplane-landing fields. Fifty trunks of lighting apparatus are employed. In filming the "Story of Copper," many of the reels were taken 8,000 feet below the surface.



It Can Travel on Land as Well as in Water; Lumbering Tug Which Propels

Itself between Streams

West and Peachy

COLLARS" SPEED PLANT-GROWTH

Swiss gardeners are credited with the introduction of a simple unit that is said to stimulate the development of seeds and plants, resulting in quicker germination and better products. It is simply a disk-shaped collar which is placed about the seed or the plant, to attract and retain the heats, of the sun, acting as a sort of miniature hot-There is a hole house. in the center and the disk is shaped to convey water toward the middle so that ? the plant receives additional benefit from shows ers, and evaporation is reduced because of the covering. The task of weeding is likewise simplified and there is less likelihood of uprooting the plant, since foreign growths do not spring up are said to have shown

close to the stalk. Tests that tomato plants grew to nearly twice their usual size when protected by the collar, and tobacco and cotton showed equally marked development. The disks last for five years, it is claimed.



In the Dining Room of the Ahwahnee Hotel in the Yosemite; the Huge Window Makes a Frame for the Distant Falls

#### HIGH WINDOW FRAMES FALLS IN YOSEMITE HOTEL

One of the features of the Ahwahnee hotel in the Yosemite valley is a diningroom window, thirty-five feet high and fifteen feet wide, that forms a frame for the falls, not far away. The effect is that of a huge moving picture and greatly adds to the novel decorations of the room. The building is made of natural rock rolled down from the cliffs above, the color scheme of the exterior follows the tones of the pine needles and valley sides, and Indian and Spanish influences are carried out in various parts of the hotel. special interest is the men's lounge, which has been decorated to suggest early days in California with red-and-blue checkered curtains like a miner's shirt, oil lamps, buffalo and black-bear skins on the floor and other mementos of the gold-rush period worked into the decorative scheme.



Plants Wearing Their "Collars"; These Units Attract
Sunshine and Help Retain Moisture

About 100 tornadoes occur in the United



## The Tricks of the Ghost Hunters

How Fake Spirit Manifestations, Which Often Deceive Even the Most Skeptical, Are Produced By WALTER B. GIBSON, Concord Hall

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HEREWARD Carrington, who has for many years endeavored to establish certain psychic phenomena as genuine, declares that "ninety-eight per cent of the physical phenomena are fraudulently produced."

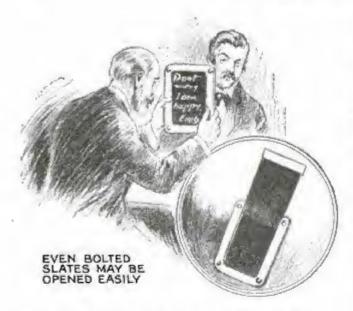
The purpose of this article is to give an insight into the methods by which fake spirit manifestations are performed, and to show that the means employed by fraudulent mediums are like those used by magicians. The important distinction lies in the fact that the magician's work is justifiable, as he claims no supernormal power, whereas the fraudulent seance is nothing more than a swindle.

Spirit slate writing, or the production of messages on blank slates, has been performed for many years and still flourishes. Some of the methods used today are remarkable for their ingenuity. Take, for example, the bolted slates. Two slates are shown to contain no writing, and are bolted firmly together at all four corners. The thes are marked for identification. The lights are turned out for a few minutes, then they are turned on; the slates are unbolted, and a message is found written upon the inner surface of either of the two.

Special slates are used. Close attention will show that the frame of the average slate is made in four sections. One of the special slates is constructed so that the end is removable. When the end of the frame is pulled, the slate slides out with it, and the medium is free to write on the inner surface of either slate, or to write on a card that may be between the slates.

Slate writing also may be performed with a single slate. The slate is shown blank on both sides, and is placed in a paper bag. When the slate is withdrawn, a message is found upon it. In this case, the writing is already on the slate, but is concealed beneath a layer of thick black paper or very light cardboard, which appears to be the surface of the slate. When

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the slate is taken from the bag, the paper covering is dropped off and remains in the bag.

The exchanging of slips of paper is one of the most indetectible of all the tricks of fraudulent mediums, some of whom rely upon it alone. It is called the "billet switch," and is performed in various ways.

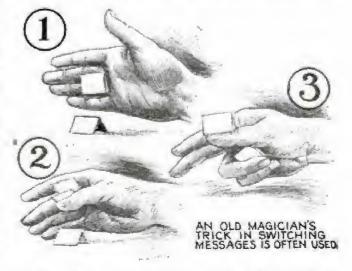
In one system, the original question is folded and placed on the table so that it stands with the creased edge upward. The medium holds, the dummy slip edgewise between the middle fingers of his right hand. He places the hand around the original question, and as he slides it toward him along the table, he pushes the dummy up with his right thumb and, at the same instant, his fingers bend in and press the original slip into the palm of the hand. To all appearances, the hand has merely picked up the original question and moved it to another part of the table.

In utilizing the billet switch alone, the operator asks that a question be written on a slip of paper, which must be folded. He picks up the slip, making the switch, and presses the dummy question against his forehead. He changes hands, which enables him to place the original question in his lap, and quietly unfold it.

Then, looking slyly downward, he reads the original question and starts to answer it. He folds the original slip, and when he has answered the question, he drops the dummy on the table. He picks it up immediately, making the switch once more, and hands the original slip back to the writer. Strangely enough, this test often works more smoothly when the medium is blindfolded, because, with a loose blindfold, he can look downward easily and read the question in his lap.

Some mediums have methods whereby they can learn what the sitter has written without exchanging slips at all. This may be accomplished by the use of carbon paper. If the sitter is given a pencil that contains hard lead, and is told to place his slip upon a piece of cardboard, the medium may obtain a copy of the question by having a sheet of carbon paper on the cardboard, covered with a thin sheet of paper of the same color as the board.

Another and more elaborate method involves the use of a special table, which has a top covered by parchment or thin leather. Under the table covering is a sheet of carbon paper and beneath this a piece of thin white silk. The sitter writes his question on a paper on the table, which, of course, is transcribed on the silk. A string runs down the table leg,



and, when an assistant pulls the string, the piece of silk goes through the floor, where the confederate reads the question.

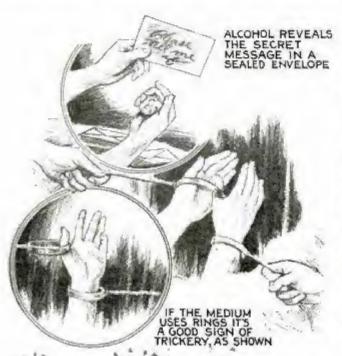
Then there is a form of pencil reading that may be compared to lip reading. A person skilled in this art can learn what another person is writing, without seeing the paper, or being close enough to read the written words. The medium stands at a distance and carefully watches the top of the writer's pencil. The movements of the pencil indicate the letters which are being written, and a keen observer can identify many words in this manner. This system is generally used only when the sitter is told to write the name of a departed friend, from whom he or she

wishes a message. The medium can often learn either the first name or the full name by watching the top of the pencil.

When a medium insists that a question be written, that, in itself, is an indication of trickery. All sorts of pretexts have been given why the sitter or spectator should write a question, for instance, to "concentrate his thoughts," to "check up the spirit answer," or some such reason. Nevertheless, when a medium insists that questions be written, it is a sure sign that he or she has some method of learning what is being written.

Sealed-letter reading has been employed by self-styled mediums for many years. The old reliable method depends upon a sponge soaked in alcohol. When the face of an envelope is rubbed with the sponge, the paper becomes transparent, and the medium can read the question inside. But this method has been broadly exposed.

There is a form of sealed-letter reading in which the medium holds up an envelope, and answers a question written by a confederate. Then he tears open the envelope, and reads off the confederate's question aloud, but at the same time reads the writing which is actually on the question which he holds in his hand. Thus he learns somebody's question. He holds up another envelope, and answers the question which he has just learned. He opens the envelope and reads aloud the question which he has just learned, at the same time reading the new question to himself.





This is an old method: it can be performed as an impromptu trick with good effect, but most magicians think the trick is too well known. Nevertheless, it is used constantly by a certain medium whom the writer has seen in action, and this man performs it so artfully that the trick is never detected. As he finishes reading a question aloud, he holds the slip of paper so his audience can see it, and calmly says:

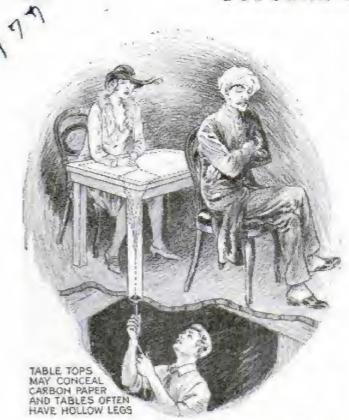
"There is your question; you wrote it hastily, but that was all the same."

The person who wrote the question is seated too far away to observe that the medium is showing him a question written by someone else, and he takes the medium's statement in good faith.

In dark seances, where the medium is bound, but still manages to produce certain manifestations, the principal trick lies in the method whereby the medium temporarily frees himself. Many of these tricks have been exposed, but new ones constantly replace them. Here is a method which is virtually unknown:

The medium has two metal rings, each with a chain attached. He slips one hand in each ring, and a person on his right holds the end of one chain, while another on his left holds the end of the second chain. Obviously, one person controls each of the medium's hands; yet when the lights are turned out, some startling phenomena take place.

The trick is easily accomplished. The medium simply slips his left thumb into the ring which encircles his right wrist.



Then he removes his right hand which is free to do its appointed task. When he calls for the lights, he can instantly slip his right hand back into its ring. In fact, the operation is so quick that the medium can meet any emergency.

A story is told of a fraudulent "trumpet medium," who customarily freed his right hand and used it to manipulate a trumpet through which he talked. At one seance, the investigators insisted that the medium fill his mouth with water. Despite the handicap, the voices talked through the trumpet. The medium accomplished this very artfully. Among his paraphernalia was a bell. As soon as the lights were out, he released his hand, inverted the bell and raised it to his mouth. He deposited the water in the bell, and set the bell carefully between his knees. He was free to proceed with the trumpet manifestations, and when he had finished, he filled his mouth with the water from the bell again.

There is a clever little trick which demonstrates how easily a hand may be freed without anyone knowing it. This can be performed for one person only. The operator places the tips of his forefingers against the spectator's eyelids. Feeling both fingers, the spectator knows that the operator's hands are occupied, and he is greatly astonished when he feels a hand tap him on the head or brush his shoulder. The operator immediately removes his fingers, and the spectator is free to look around in an effort to discover whence came the spirit touch.

The method is interesting. As soon as the spectator shuts his eyes, to receive the tips of the operator's extended fingers, the operator merely extends the first two fingers of one hand, placing one finger tip on each of the sitter's eyelids. This leaves one of the operator's hands free for action. The operator should have both hands close together when he removes his fingers from the person's eyelids.

The trick is simple enough; but it is no simpler than numerous methods of release that have been adopted by fraudulent mediums, past and present. Simplicity is the keynote of some of the most effective tricks, whether they are performed fairly by magicians or unfairly by fakers.

## MOTOR SLED RUN BY COGWHEEL NINETEEN MILES AN HOUR

Winter sport for the person who likes to drive a motor is afforded in a sled introduced in Germany. It is propelled by a cogwheel turned by a one and one-half horsepower gasoline motor. The wheel is also used for steering. A speed of nineteen miles an hour is attained on level surfaces when the snow is in the right condition. On down grades, the drivewheel can be disconnected and the sled coasts. An



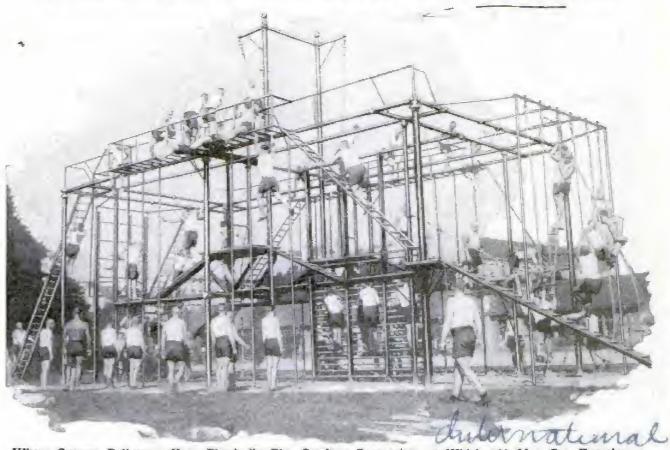
Motor Sled with Footrests Heated by Gases from the Engine; the Latest Unit for Winter Sports

additional feature is that the footrests are heated by exhaust gases from the engine.

Inventor, Carl Jugler

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## "IRON PHILIP" HELPS TRAIN GERMAN POLICE



Where German Policemen Keep Physically Fit; Outdoor Gymnasium at Which 100 Men Can Exercise at One Time and Perform a Wide Variety of Stunts

One hundred men can exercise at the same time on an outdoor gymnasium unit installed for the Berlin, Germany, police force. It has horizontal bars, trapezes, ladders, swinging rings and other attachments and is well fitted for individual or group work. Stanchly constructed of metal, the gym has been named "Iron Philip" by members of the department.

## TIDES IN SURFACE OF EARTH LIKE THOSE OF OCEAN

Like the seas, the earth's crust rises and falls in tides as a result of the attraction of the sun and moon, Dr. Walter D. Lambert, scientist of the coast and geodetic survey, asserts. These movements have never been measured because instruments for the task have not yet been devised and complicated computations are involved, but scholars have established the existence of such movements beyond all reasonable doubt, he declares. These earth tides are affected by the ocean tides, according to Dr. Lambert, who says that there is probably no place on earth so

remote from the seas that the effect of the ocean tides is not registered in the similar movements of the world's crust. It has been shown that the tides in the Atlantic have an appreciable effect at Williams Bay, Wis., about 800 miles away.

## STEEL GLOVE FOR BUTCHERS REDUCES HAND INJURIES 3/6



Designed especially for packing-house butchers, a glove of steel mesh protects the hand that does not wield the knife. The guard is the invention of a physician who was called upon to dress the injuries of men

working in a large packing plant. As many as thirty cut hands daily led him to design the glove, which has proved effective in preventing injuries of that kind and yet does not interfere with work.

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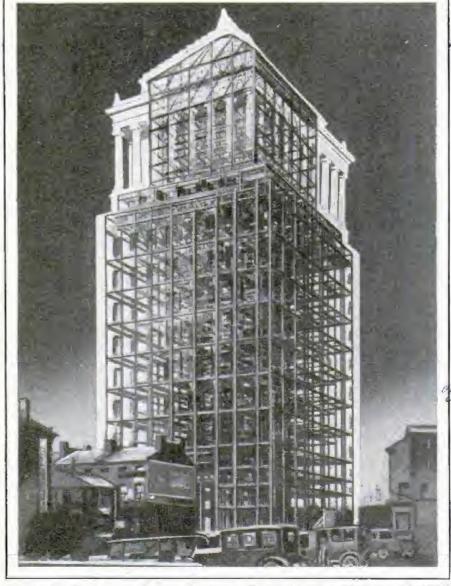
COAL PULVERIZER CUTS STEAMERS' 3215 FUEL COST

Marked reduction of the fuel costs on steamers is predicted with a special coal pulverizer for marine use. The outfit not only crushes the fuel, but forces it into the furnaces with compressed air, eliminating the necessity of firing by hand. Since the powdered coal has greater heating efficiency, there is an added advantage besides the saving in labor.

#### AIR JACK SPEEDS 1238 TRANSFER OF CAR WHEELS.

Time and labor are saved at the Pennsylvania yards in Chicago in handling car wheels with a compressed-air jack. It is placed in the center of the junction of two tracks, one leading to the shop and the other to the repair yards. As the wheels come from the

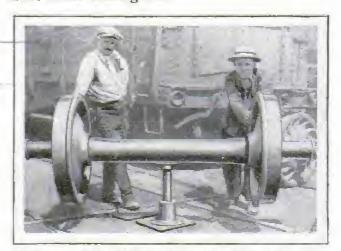
cars, they are raised for easy transfer to either track simply by depressing a pedal. To lower them, another pedal is depressed. The top of the jack is shaped to keep the axle from falling off.



Composite Photograph Which Produces X-Ray Effect, Showing Steel Skel-eton of the New St. Louis Courthouse

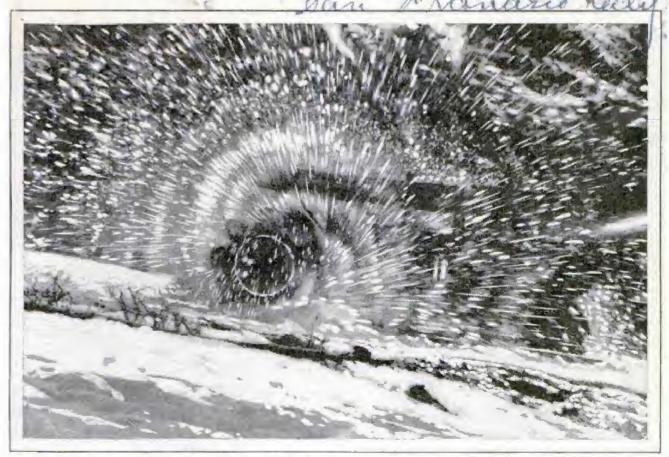
#### "X RAY" PHOTO OF SKYSCRAPER SHOWS ITS STRUCTURE

By means of a composite photograph, producing the effect of an X-ray, an interesting study has been made of the new \$5,000,000 courthouse in St. Louis, Mo. The result was obtained by making a photograph of the steel work and printing it through another photo of the building itself as it appeared in a four-foot plaster model. The double exposure shows at a glance how much of the building is steel and how much is stone and reveals other data concerning its construction. courthouse is nearly 380 feet high and has the equivalent of thirty-three stories. The architects combined classical forms with the lines of the modern skyscraper in achieving the design.



Air-Operated Jack Which Raises Car Wheels So They Can Be Shifted to Different Tracks

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Pinwheels in Snow! Rotary Plow Cutting Its Way through Drifts up Pikes-Peak Motor Road; in Places Surveys Had to Be Made to Find the Hidden Highway

#### FIGHTING SNOW ON PIKES PEAK SIMPLIFIED BY TRACTORS

Tractors and rotary plows that cut their way through deep drifts and hurl the snow far to either side, have been successfully enlisted in the annual battle to clear the toll road up Pikes Peak. Where from thirty-five to forty days were once required for the work, it is now done in seven and with fewer men. The highway twists and winds about the mountain, affording many "pockets" for the snow to accumulate, and, in places, the road is en-

tirely obscured so that maps and surveys are necessary to guide the workers. Should their machines stray from the right course, equipment and men might be tumbled down the steep peak. Because of the intense cold at altitudes of 13,000 feet and more, special precautions

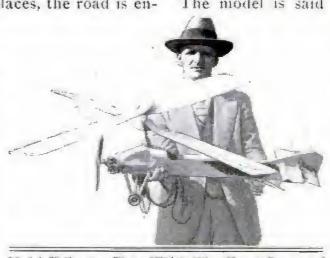
have to be taken to prevent the water in the tractor radiators from freezing. Drifts eighteen feet high are encountered in many places.

## OR POISES IN AIR 269

To demonstrate a helicopter plane he expects to finish in serviceable size, a California inventor has prepared a working model with a one and one-quarter horsepower motor to operate the blades. The model is said to fly straight up or

down, backward as well as forward and can remain stationary for a time while aloft. The large-size ship will have a wing spread of thirty-four feet and will be driven by a 600-h orsepower motor.

Coins dating from about 700 B. C., have been unearthed.



Model Helicopter Plane Which Flies Up or Down and Can Remain Stationary for a Time in Air

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An Exciting Game on the Indoor Diamond; the Ball Is Rolled Down the Incline to Opposing Player at Swivel Bat

#### BASEBALL GAME PLAYED IN BOX LATEST INDOOR SPORT

Devised originally for the amusement of disabled war veterans, an indoor baseball game is becoming popular among others. It is said to afford some of the thrills of the real game, requires considerable skill and is interesting to the spectators as well as to the players. A tiny ball is rolled down an incline, the object being to have it hit the backstop and so score a strike on the opposing player, who is at bat with a tiny small stick adjusted to a swivel. He endeavors to hit the ball with this miniature bat, to score a hit, homerun or other credit, according to the place where the ball lands.

## PAPER PRODUCT SETTLES DUST

Use has been found in Sweden for one of the by-products of the paper mills. It is sulphite lye, that heretofore has gone to waste, but is now being employed to sprinkle the roads for settling the dust. The material, which is mixed with other substances for this purpose, also reduces maintenance costs on the roads and increases their surface durability, according to

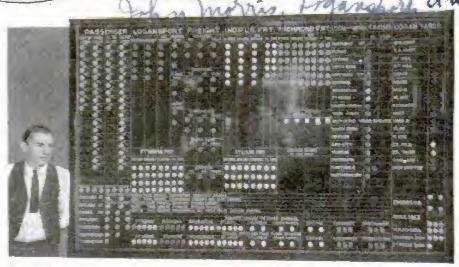
## FOODS REPRESENT ONLY FRACTION OF SUN'S HEAT

To release as much energy as is contained in the sunlight captured annually through the production of plant foods, it would be necessary to burn about 8,900 times as much coal as the whole world produces in a year, scientists estimate. But of this huge total, the human race uses less than two-tenths of one per cent, according to Dr.

John M. Arthur, of the Boyce Thompson Institute for plant research. Human beings are dependent on the process by which the plant uses the sunlight to produce energy in the form of various foods, of which each person consumes about 2,000 calories every day.

## ENGINE-LOCATION BOARD AIDS

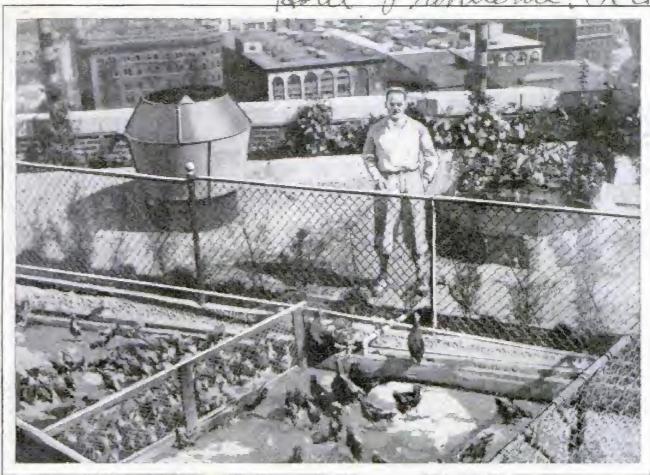
Devised by an engine-house clerk, a location board tells at a glance where locomotives on the division are, whether in shops, in service, borrowed or available for duty. It saves consulting more complicated records and is easy to operate, metal-bound tags being placed on hooks to indicate the status of the engines. It saves time and aids the locomotive dispatcher in making accurate reports and quick assignments.



Keeping Track of the Railroad's Engines; This Wall Chart Shows Where Every Locomotive Can Be Found

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POPULAR NECHANICS PROVIDENCE BULLINOTE



Happy and Thriving Although They Have Never Been on the Ground: Chickens on Roof Farm of Providence, R. I., Hotel; They Enjoy Plenty of Fresh Air and Sunshine

#### CHICKEN FARM ON CITY ROOF SERVES BIG HOTEL

The chickens shown in this illustration have never seen the ground, and probably never will, for they have been raised on an aerial farm on top of a large hotel building in Providence, R. I. They have pens, watering fountains, and dirt to scratch in, just as their country cousins have, and seem to thrive on their elevated location. Besides making use of space that otherwise would go to waste, the plan assures the hotel fresh poultry and eggs.

## DWARF TREES ONE FOOT HIGH SUBSTITUTE FOR BRIAR 57.74

A possible substitute for briar, in the manufacture of pipes and other articles, is reported to have been found in a peculiar wood that grows in Africa. The trees sometimes have trunks four feet in diameter but are not more than one foot high. There are but two leaves to a tree, and these attain a length of six feet and a breadth of two feet. The roots are tough

and of a beautiful shade. The wood is successfully worked in a lathe and does not easily fracture, so that waste is reduced to a minimum.

# CLOCK STARTS UP THE FURNACE

Discomforts of arising on cold mornings to start the furnace fire are avoided with



a clock arrangement that opens
the drafts at any
time specified. It is
easily adjusted to
any type of furnace and functions
chiefly by releasing a weight at a
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to prevent damage
to castings. The

clock is set like an alarm and is specially constructed for service in a dusty cellar.

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THE children of the modern circus family, the budding riders, aerialists and acrobats of the future, lead simple, sane and happy lives.

By EARL CHAPIN MAY These youngsters of the tights, spangles and tented world come, almost always, from circus stock. They are "born into the business," to use a circus phrase, and are raised as tenderly as any sons or daughters of college professors or mercliant princes. About the only difference between the way they are brought up and the way the children of "towners" or "gillipins" are raised is that "trouper" children are taught the virtues and rewards of discipline. Their lives are circumscribed by duties. These little troupers learn from infancy to respect their parents and their wishes or commands, which sets them apart from most offspring of non-trouping stock. But they take a wholesome delight in circus life. They rejoice in it. Why shouldn't they? It's one long life of camping out.

Spring has come and with it a tented city grows up some morning on the grass-grown field that is your local circus grounds. If you are among the hundreds of towners who are early birds, you are in your railroad vards in time to see the Nelson family descend the steps of a yellow Pullman car, which is part of a long and heavily loaded circus train.

Mother and father Nelson first appear and are followed by seven children ranging from Rosina,

aged thirty, to little Paul, in his fourteenth year. As they walk or ride in taxi or trolley car from the train to circus grounds, you'd hardly guess that the motherly looking



woman in gingham dress and the kindly man in plain gray suit are convoying a group of the world's most famous acrobats. You might not notice them at all. Certainly you would never recognize them as circus people if you did not see them in connection with the gaudy train or tall white tents.

Once on the lot, the vounger ones may romp a bit. They may play leapfrog among themselves. But they pay no attention to those who do not belong to their fraternity. Their own company satisfies them. They hunger for just one thing more-breakfast in the cookhouse or circus tent. As each Nelson enters the long canvas room, above which a small flag is flying to indicate that food is being served, he pauses to purchase from the circus steward a quart of milk for his own use. This extra is ordered by the parent Nelsons three times each day, for breakfast, noon-day lunch or dinner and five-Fruit, cereals, jam, o'clock supper. bread, butter and a little fish complete the daily menu.

Between breakfast and dinner the Nelsons visit with their circus friends, clean and repair wardrobes and occasionally, practice some new trick. Then comes a



session of lessons with mother Nelson as teacher. This time may be devoted to mathematics, physics, chemistry or almost any subject except geography, for, as the

can heat our private dressing tent if I think best." Among the well-known circus families are the Hobsons, riders of the first rank. Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hobson, Sr., have, like the Nelsons, been featured in the circus ring for more than forty years, but you'd never guess it unless the family chieftain told you so. Homer Hobson, Jr., and Herbert, his youngest brother, have been trouping since infancy. In one of the Hobson riding acts, young Homer, while clowning it, is dragged face downward around the ring clinging to the tail of a galloping horse, which frequently kicks cinders or gravel into the clowning equestrian's mouth. I've seen the boy's lips bleed many times, but he thrives on rough work of that kind. You would hardly recognize in Nelsons have been traveling with some circus since infancy and in almost any year can show a mileage of at least 20,000, they have learned their geography from contact with many countries in many climes. Like other troupers, they work twice each weekday, but, all told, are in the circus ring less than thirty minutes daily, including the matinee and night performance. Of course, there are thorns along the circus path. I've seen the Nelson girls, clad only in low bodices and silk tights, stand, unprotected from chilling rain, while awaiting their turns to enter the big top and do their stunts. But the weather did not bother them. "They've lived outdoors most of their lives," the mother proclaims proudly. "They take a cold sponge bath every day.

Of course, they get plenty of exercise, and

all the food that's good for them. There are plenty of blankets in their berths and I

Madge Fuller as an Elephant Trainer, Georges Carpentier with a Circus Daughter, and Bertie Hodgini Trying a Clown Role

the pink-faced, sturdy lad the buffoon who "steps off" a racing "finish" horse. "step-off" is a difficult trick. While one foot is on the hindpart of the moving horse, the other foot must touch the ground. But the second foot must follow rapidly, or it would be painful for the Hobson boy.

Herbert, who works with Homer, Ir., made up as a girl, also doubles with the other Hobsons in an Indian riding act. Herbert likes that Indian "double" best, because he has a strong leaning toward the Wild West stuff.

For several seasons, when not in school,

he has practiced cowboy tricks, until he has become so proficient with the lariat that he does rope spinning in the circus after-show or concert as a product of our western plains, although the Hobsons have long been legal residents of



upon their work as play. The biggest

event in the Sells-Floto show during the season of 1925 was one in which outsiders had no part. They didn't even look in on it because it was a burlesque on the big-top performance, given in the backyard by riders, acrobats, clowns, jugglers, contortionists and aerialists. Acrobats came out on hobby horses. Aerialists "took off" the so-called funny clowns. Clowns made fun of the aerialists, and the hundreds of circus executives, musicians and laboring men, who paid their money to see the mimic show, had the time of their lives, and helped create a fund for a per-

former laid up in a hospital. Birthdays and weddings are celebrated in the backvard, and the clown band often stages its own impromptu shows.

The discipline which young circus people accept as the most important part of



The Two Hodgini Children in Some of Their Favorite Playtime Stunts, Harriet as a Cowgirl and Bertie as Equestrienne and Clown

the daily life doesn't spoil the fun for them. Although they must be through their breakfast by nine o'clock and, on smaller shows, be ready for parade when the second bugle blows, at ten or thereabouts, and must be through their dinner and supper before the cookhouse flag falls, because when that flag falls it means that meals are no longer being served; although they must sleep in the same berths each night, usually doubling up with some one of their sex; although they must sit on the same hard plank in the same place at the same table at each meal; although all their circus and street wardrobe must be in the same little square-topped trunk in the same place, close to other trunks. in the dressing room each day, and everything must be packed and unpacked methodically, and although they must never be late a second or disobey or ignore any order referring to their appearance in the ring, they lead a simple, easy life.

Not only do they get plenty of fresh food and air and just enough exercise to keep them hard and fit, they also are protected by the traditions of the circus lot. Even on the wettest days, when wind and weather are against all trouper folks and the canvasmen are struggling with hostile elements, rough language seldom meets

their ears. They are taught to take care of themselves whenever possible. They are not pampered or petted. But day in and out, the circus family is never separated. If the parents do not keep their children in plain sight, they know exactly where those children are.

The circus company is one great family and some of its members are always close at hand. The young folks have no opportunity to take long rides in motor cars by themselves. Such rides as they take between the lot and circus train are in the company of other troupers. So circus parents do not wonder where Tom or Sally may be at night. The children are either in or near the lighted tents, on the way to or in the circus train.

This sounds as though young circus lives were pretty limited. They are, but I've never heard a word of discontent. Sometimes Harriet Hodgini, from the wisdom of her twelfth year, will grumble because she is not allowed another ice-cream cone. Bertie, her ten-year-old brother, may look vainly at a lollypop. But fatness is fatal in the circus business, unless one wants to be a sideshow freak. They are trained to restrain themselves even when they are sorely tempted by the effects steward.



All Ready for the Grand Entry in the Opening Spectacle; the Circus Families Gather in Gorgeous Costumes, Ranging from Oriental Splendor to the White Paint of the Clowns

Last Fourth of July, at New Bedford, Mass., Harriet and Bertie sat through a dinner which included sweet relish, Little Neck cocktail, celery, young onions, radishes, chicken gumbo soup, broiled salmon with tartar sauce, young Vermont turkey with oyster dressing and cranberry sauce, baked Virginia ham and corn fritters, new potatoes in cream, green peas, combination salad, asparagus tips on toast, strawberry shortcake, watermelon, ice cream, salted nuts and coffee. Yet Harriet and Bertie did not sample half of it. Meats and sweets are seldom given them because they are destined to follow their mother and father in the ring.

They have been preparing for their careers since babyhood. They are skillful school riders now. But they look long years ahead. Some day they are going to be principal riders. A principal rider is one who stands, pirouettes and somersaults on the rosined back of a loping steed. As that steed goes round and round the ring and the circus band plays its fastest tune, the rider kisses his or her hand to the thousands of applauding towners.

## SAVES USING BRUSH 30 77

Special nozzle adjustments in a hand sprayer now on the market are said to adapt the instrument to the successful application of lacquer to a wide variety of

surfaces, resulting in a better job than could be done with a brush and at a saving in time. By taking care to have the liquid of the proper consistency and holding the sprayer at an angle of about forty-five degrees to the face of the work, spots and



runs can be avoided, it is asserted. The tool is easily kept in order and, when not in use, is held in an upright position so that the contents will not spill.

The United States has one-third of the world's telegraph lines,

CHANGE FRUIT OF WALNUT TREE
BY GRAFTING OPERATION



Black-Walnut Tree Transformed into Bearer of the English Variety and Scaffold Used in Grafting

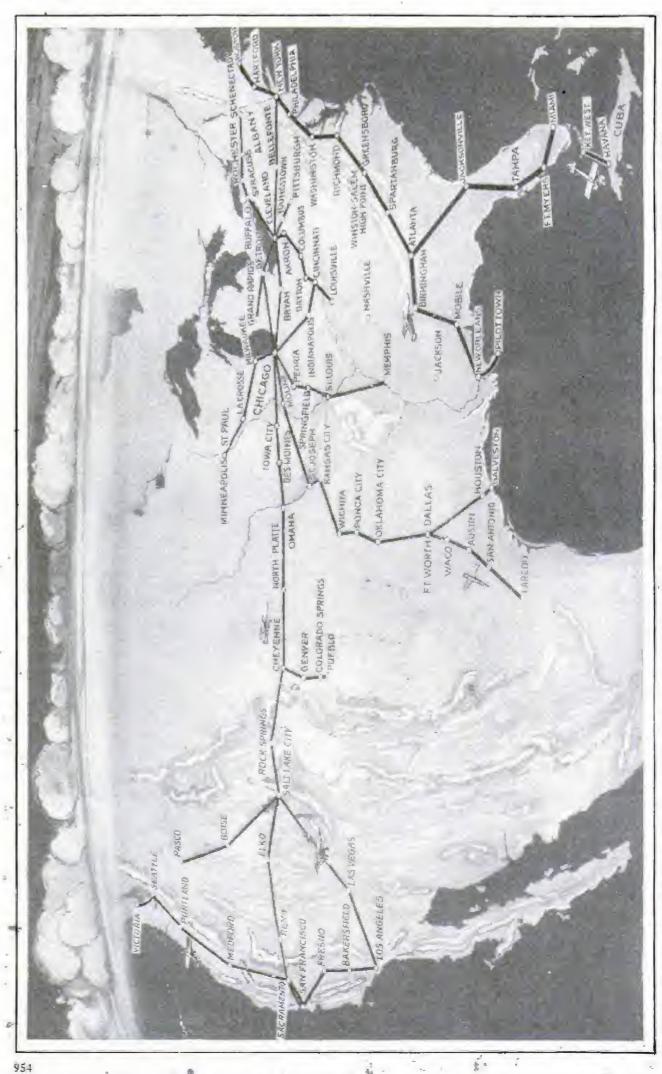
Although it has yielded black walnuts for many years, a huge tree in California will produce only the English variety from now on, for it has been altered by one of the most extensive grafting operations on record. Tree surgeons erected a huge scaffolding about the limbs in order to reach all parts of them. The tree is more than 100 years old and, in a few seasons, it is expected to produce nearly a ton of English walnuts.

REDUCES TIRE EXPENSE

Auto truck wheels made of compressed rubber have been introduced to replace the usual disk and tire type. They are resilient and noiseless, do less damage to surfaces and may be obtained in varying degrees of hardness, depending upon the maximum expected load. Maintenance is low, as there are no punctures, retreading costs or breakages, and the wheels are unaffected by hot, cold or damp climates, it is asserted.

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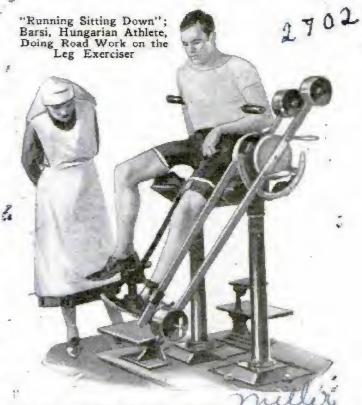
The Air Mail as It Will Be As Soon as Additional Routes, for Which Bids Have Been Received, Get in Operation; the Rate Is Ten Cents a Half Ounce Anywhere, Except on the Three Foreign Routes, New Orleans-Pilottown, Seattle-Victoria and Key West-Havana, Where Regular Two-Cent Postage Applies

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## AIR MAIL'S AMAZING GROWTH SETS AVIATION RECORD

With the greatest air-mail and aerialexpress system in the world, the United States has quietly taken the lead in selfsupporting commercial aviation, so quietly that few people realize the extent of the air lines in actual operation. While European countries, with their governmentsubsidized air lines, are still ahead in passenger carrying, the United States is rap- 2 idly forging to the front in this field, too, since the mail lines built up by the post office department have been turned over to private operation. For a fare of \$200, it is now possible to go from Chicago to San Francisco by air in twenty hours, instead of three days by train, and shorter passenger routes are in operation on many of the other air lines. The elimination of the old zone system, with various rates for different sections, has done much to popularize the air mail, as it is no longer necessary to study a map before sticking the stamp on an air letter. The new rate is ten cents a half ounce, regardless of where the letter is going. Air letters do not require an extra two-cent stamp, as is the case for special-delivery mail, the ten cents being the only charge. While the actual flying has been turned over to private contractors, who furnish their own planes and landing fields and carry the mail at a fixed price per pound, the government system of night-flying beacon lights has been taken over by the department of commerce, and placed under the lighthouse service, which guards ships at sea and ships over land now. The lights are being extended on new mail routes, to permit night flying, and eventually every part of the country will have its blazing trail of beacons to mark the main air The department also is developing radio-compass beacons, and already has installed the first one at the Bellefonte, Pa., field, the center of the worst flying zone in the country. While the domestic air mail has been growing apace, the post office recently let a contract for its third foreign mail route, a ninety-mile jump from Key West to Havana.

¶Some kinds of goldenrod are cultivated as garden flowers.



#### LEG EXERCISER KEEPS RUNNER IN TRIM FOR RACES

To strengthen his leg muscles and keep in training for the races, Barsi, a Hungarian middle-distance runner, practices on a special exerciser. It permits the operator to stand in approximate running position and manipulate pedals which turn weights to give the necessary resistance. The outfit is especially useful when the weather does not permit outdoor training.

## TIRE-CASING SPREADER HELPS PREVENT PUNCTURES 3/0

Thorough examination of the inside of the autorire casing and removal of small



articles, such as tacks and nail points, likely to cause puncture, can easily be accomplished with a simply operated spreader now on the market. It forces the sides of the casing far apart, and the entire surface is exposed, by means

of a corrugated roller and two disks, as the casing is repeated with a hand lever.

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Placing the Refrigerating Unit. in Cabinet, and Cube Freezer

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FOR REFRIGERATING

Artificial refrigeration is now available even to homes that are not supplied with electricity in a recently introduced unit, operated on almost any kind of a stove. It consists principally of two large balls. connected by a peculiarly bent tube. A refrigerating liquid, introduced into one of the balls, is heated on the stove while the other is submerged in a tub of water. The heat evaporates a portion of the liquid which passes into the cold ball and condenses. A small whistle warns when the heating has been continued long enough; the unit is then lifted off the fire, the hot ball submerged a few moments in water and the outfit placed in the refrigerating cabinet. The liquid in the cold ball has started to evaporate and pass slowly back into the other chamber, the process chilling the cold ball to a temperature of zero or below, it is said. This action is continued and is said to maintain a cold, dry temperature for twenty-four to thirty-six hours, depending upon the outside atmosphere. An ice tray is supplied with the unit and is placed inside the cold ball for freezing cubes for salads, deserts or cooling liquids.

TO HELP SAVE FORESTS

By the addition of high and low pressure pumps, a small automobile has been changed into an efficient fire engine for fighting blazes in the California forests. In carries 500 feet of hose, tools and other requipment and can hurl a two-and-onehalf-inch stream of water eighty feet, at a pressure of eighty pounds to the square inch. The low-pressure pump is employed forcing water to the other from a considerable distance, a feature that many other auto units have not had. This is important, for often the available source of water is far from the actual scene of the fire. Both pumps are portable and quickly taken from the auto for use in any convenient place. The car is fitted with a variable-gear axle and, since it can be turned within a short radius, it is especially adapted to service on narrow, winding mountain roads. As many fires occur bear the highways, owing to carelessness of campers, it is believed that the auto unit will be especially effective in curbing blazes before they have a dangerous start. In a recent test, the converted car beat regular fire-fighting equipment to a blaze and had water on the fire within a short time, although the supply was half a mile up the road. A ditch and the lowpressure pump solved the problem.



Pump in Action on Front of Auto, Which Has Been Converted into Fire Engine to Guard Forests

A five-speed outboard motor is being built for small boats.

leveloped by Emilyele

Warrington England.

PROTECTING THE SHORE ENDS OF LATEST CABLE



Completing the "Cable Handelasp" between England and Belgium: Placing the Shore End of the Big Line; Special Coverings Have Been Used to Protect the Wires from Corrosion

A new link between England and Belgium, an iron handelasp across the English channel, has been completed recently. It is the British post-office cable, an international bond that will mean better and quicker communication between these two countries. Every new cable contains improvements designed to make it better than its predecessors. If corrosion damages a cable, it is very expensive to fish up the ends and repair them. In fact, any kind of work would be difficult, because

of the strong current in the English channel and the prevalent stormy weather. The worst corrosion usually takes place on the shore ends of the cable because of decomposed matter near the surface of the water. Even the thick composi-

tion coating used does not always resist such severe conditions, and cables sheathed with ordinary steel wire have failed quick ly. So it was decided to use rust-resisting pure iron to cover this latest cable.

## AIR-MAIL LETTERS IDENTIFIED

For easy identification of letters in tended for the air mail, a special label tape carried in a handy roll has been devised.

The tape comes as a continuous strip, gummed on one side, and the holder is designed to prevent the edges from curling up and for removing the tape with a slight movement of the thumb. Each label is detached at a perforation in the strip.

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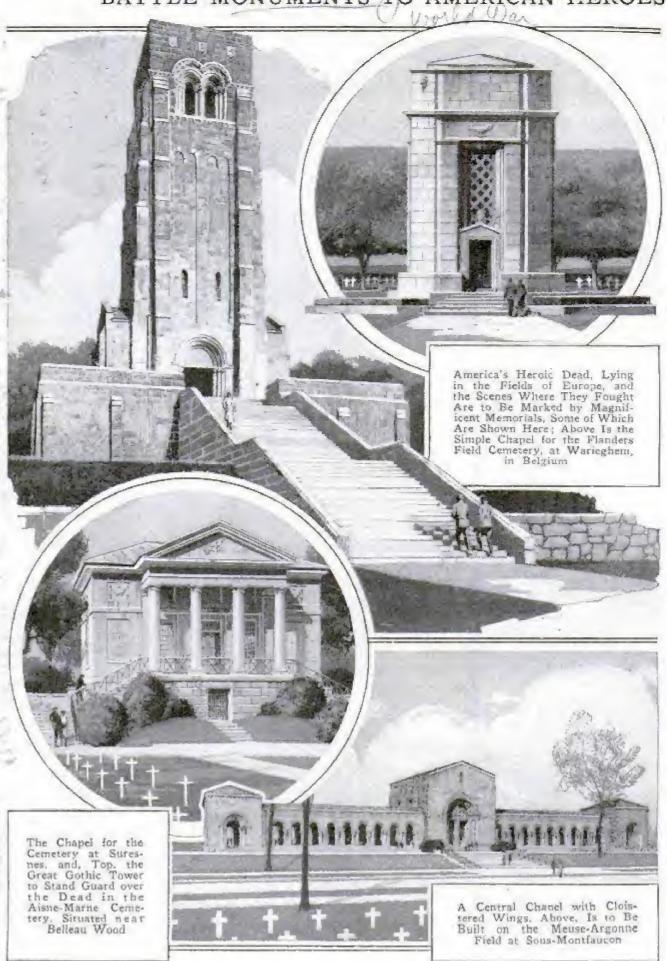
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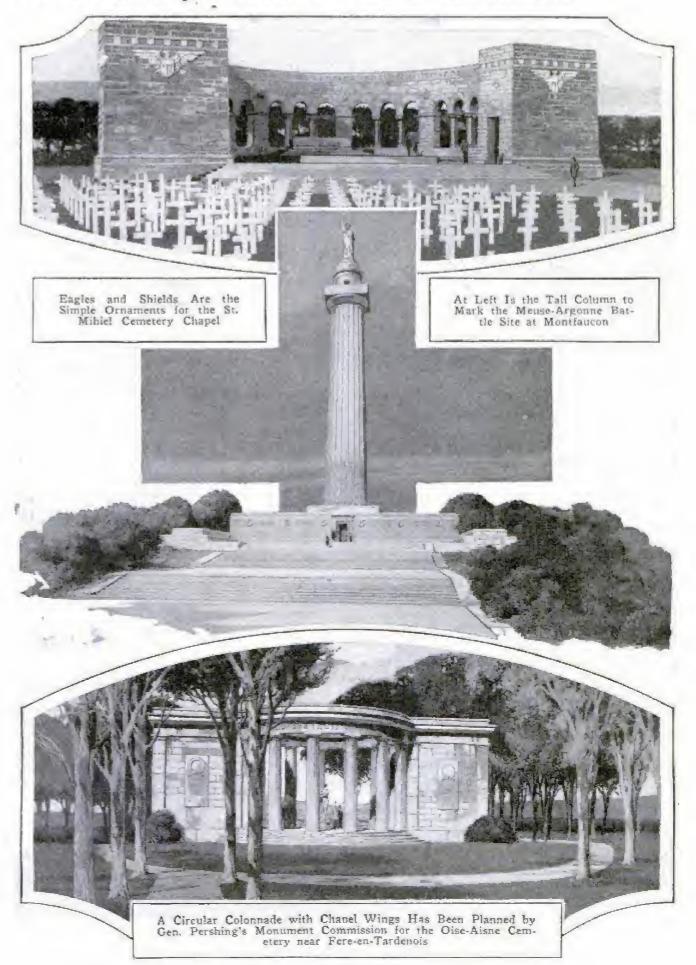
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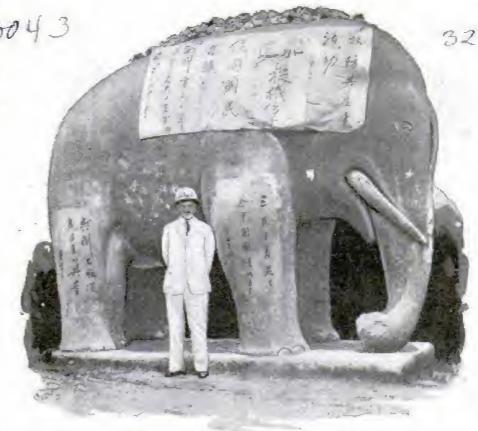


#### POPULAR MECHANICS

## TO MARK MAJOR ENGAGEMENTS IN FRANCE



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Superstition and Modern Advertising Meet on Chinese Stone Elephant; Ming Tomb Figure Is Billboard and Shrine

## STONE ELEPHANT AS BILLBOARD -SHOWS CHANGES IN CHINA

That modern China is recognizing the importance of advertising, even to the extent of trampling on the traditions of the past, is shown by the accompanying illus-The nationalists have used a 9 766 AGAINST ACCIDENTS stone elephant near the Ming tombs as a billboard on which to display posters urging citizens to put down communism and attend the nationalist-party conference. In striking contrast to this modern note are the stones on the back of the elephant. They were tossed there by women following an ancient superstition, signifying that, if the stone lodged on the monument, good luck would reward the thrower and her next child would be a boy, but if it fell off, a girl child would be born.

## GOLD IS BROUGHT BY PLANES FROM SIBERIAN FIELDS

Gold is delivered in a few hours instead of several days from the rich Aldan fields of Siberia, by airplanes. The mines are several days' travel from a railroad, but the airplane has stimulated development.

#### "PADDED CELL" FOR MACHINERY

A huge flywheel is spinning at terrific rate. There is the sudden crash of hurtling metal, and one side of the big wheel collapses and is thrown against the wall. Anyone standing in the path of the missile would have been killed or severely maimed, but the men who have been watching the wheel are safely outside, peering through telescopes, and the concrete walls that guard them from the spinning giant are nine feet thick. This is a test chamber or "padded cell," an English electric company uses for trying out flywheels and other machine parts subjected to high speeds.

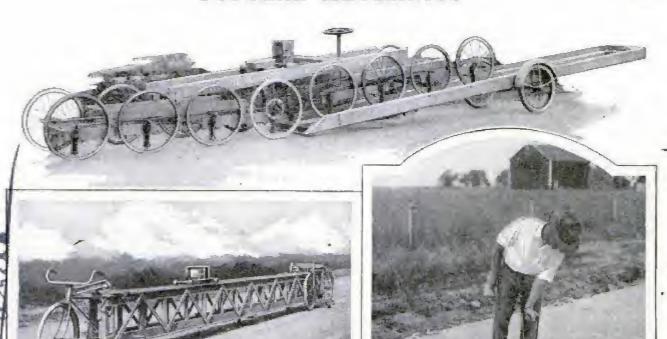
Fast camera lenses, at guarded openings in the walls, record the results of the tests which would be impossible were it not for the safety room. in marchester

# HIGH-VOLTAGE TESTER GUARDS

Electrical workers handling installations involving currents of 1,000 volts or

more, are provided with a tester intended to reveal parts of equipment still connected to the high voltage with a minimum of danger and great certainty. It consists chiefly of an indicator filled with neon gas which

glows brightly when electric current passes through it. On voltages of 3,000 or more, it registers simply by being placed in the electrostatic field, without contact with the wire. For use on parts difficult to reach, it is mounted on a pole.



Two Types of Meters That Register the Bumps in Cement Pavings, and, at Right, Illustration of the Familiar Straightedge for the Same Purpose

#### METER THAT MEASURES BUMPS INSURES SMOOTHER ROADS

To determine the smoothness of concrete roads, the bureau of standards has developed a special measuring instrument which writes an accurate record of the humps as it moves along the highway. The outfit has sixteen wheels, each adjusted to react to the irregularities on the surface in such a way that the motion is transmitted to the delicate recording apparatus.

# MAGIC METAL LIKE ALUMINUM

Airship frames and automobile pistons of beryllium, or its alloys, a metal about Third lighter than aluminum and much harder, may be introduced in the near future, experts predict. The substance has been known for a long time but, until recently, its production in quantities large enough to be industrially practical has been impossible because of inadequate refining methods. In many ways, beryllium is spited to the service of man. It offers high resistance to corrosion, is four times as elastic as aluminum and expands under the influence of heat at about the same

rate as cast iron. This property makes it peculiarly adapted to use in engine pistons. Some of the difficulties of the present types of light pistons arise from the fact that they expand at a different rate from that of the iron cylinders in which they are inclosed.

## AUTO-PEDAL DEPRESSOR AIDS IN BRAKE ADJUSTMENTS / 220

The need of an extra man is eliminated in making adjustments of the auto's brake, clutch and stop light with a depressor for the pedal. It fits against the TO IMPROVE AIRPLANES 333 tedge of the front seat and holds the pedal in a steady grip at unvarying pressure.



Brake Depressor Appached to the Pedal Showing How J It Serves as a Helper in Making Adjustments

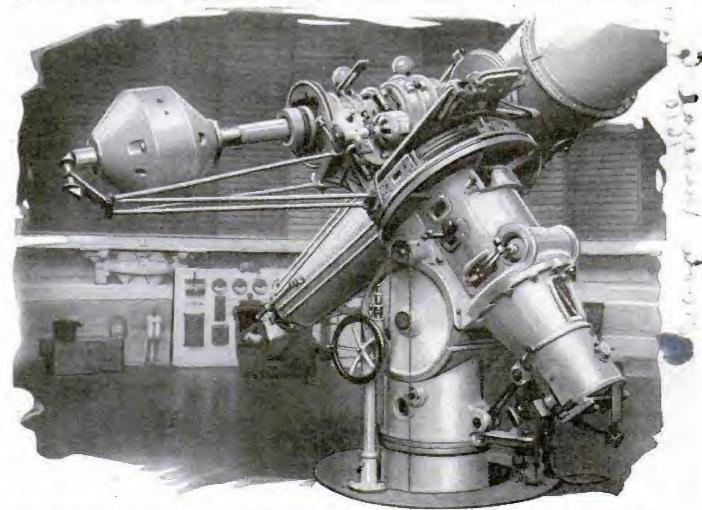
# Where a PINT

"A PINT'S a pound the world around," says an old proverb, but the author of it had never heard of a star, which astronomers have weighed and measured, where a pint weighs twenty-five tons.

The star is one part of the twin body which we know as Sirius, the dog star. It is so far away that it appears to the eye as a single star, but actually it is two bodies, revolving about a common center. The two stars are of unequal size, the larger being thirty-three times brighter than our sun. The other isn't much larger than the earth, but weighs as much as our

sun, which is why the two bodies will revolve about a point between them.

If you imagine compressing such a pile of lead into a pint cup you can get some idea of the solidity of the matter of which the small half of Sirius is composed. What that material is, so far has defied analysis. If this material could be classified and then reproduced on earth, science would have a new tool that would revolutionize our life. For one thing, such a metal would make an almost perfect electrical conductor. With it the power of Niagara could be wired around the world-



Seated in His Comfortable Armchair, This German Astronomer Views the Heavens through His Giant Telescope, Moving the Ponderous Mass at Will with the Controls behind Him



Gaseous Nebula and, at the Right, the Huge Bright Disk of Orion; Our Sun, Earth and Planets Would Be Only a Small Bright Spot in This Enormous Nebula, Billions of Miles Away

without appreciable loss in the round trip.

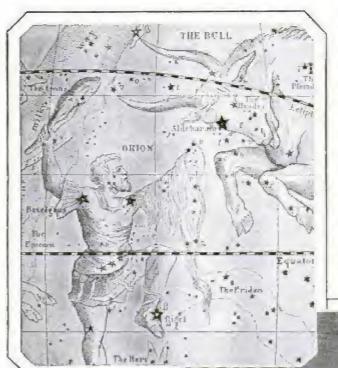
The star is far too close to the tremendous heat of its big neighbor to support life, though its size, practically the same as our world, is sufficient to hold together an atmosphere. That life does exist in some of the thousands of universes outside our own was the belief expressed recently in a lecture by Sir Oliver Lodge. He only gave voice to the opinion held by many astronomers, when he pointed out that the distribution and arrangement of matter throughout the many worlds which we can see is such as to be entirely suitable for the growth of life.

"I think it reasonable to infer the existence of innumerable habitations on which life in its various grades may have developed as it has on this earth," said Sir Oliver. "It seems absurd to suppose that this earth is the only habitable world merely because it is the only one of which we are certain.

"What we find here is that life, vegetable and animal, makes its appearance wherever conditions allow. We may reasonably suppose that the same sort of thing would happen elsewhere and that amid the hosts of worlds there must be multitudes in which those conditions, whatever they may be, are satisfied.

"The universe is a sort of law-abiding organism or organization, the parts of which are worlds. It affords evidence of design and planning. There is great variety, but nothing haphazard. It is rather like looking at a workshop full of running machines. The machines appear self-working and complete, but they are full of evidence of design to accomplish a certain object.

"From what we know of details here, it is legitimate to surmise that the object of all worlds in space is to provide opportunity for life and mind to develop, and that the arrangement of matter in the



Many of Our Star Names Come Down from Ancient Folk Lore and Superstition, That Ascribed Fanciful Forms to the Heavenly Groups, as in the Old Drawing Above; at Right, Druid Sun Worshipers Are Depicted at Their Orisons at Stonehenge in Ancient England

universe is subsidiary to that important end."

The study in recent years of innumerable far-distant nebulæ, as the astronomers call them, has revealed that, far outside the farthest stars which we see as part of our own universe, are thousands of vast groups, each

forming a complete world in itself. Every solid nebula studied has presented exactly the same form—a cartwheel, thicker in the middle than at the edges. The most powerful telescope can photograph these nebulæ only as blurs of light, though each is probably composed of millions of stars as large or larger than our sun.

The distance to some of the nearest of these world groups almost defies the imagination. Despite the immensity of our own solar system—the orbit of Neptune is almost 5,000,000,000 miles across—it takes light, traveling 186,000 miles a second, or about 11,000,000 miles a minute, slightly over eight hours to traverse the distance. Yet distant stars and nebulæ have been measured which are so far away that it takes a beam of light 11,000 years to reach the earth, and there are others still farther away.

The hundred-inch telescope at Mt. Wilson observatory is capable of picking up about 300,000,000 stars and nebulæ. The latter include not only such near neighbors as those 11,000 light years away, but, way beyond that, float a million more spiral nebulæ, whose distances are said to range

from 500,000 to 10,-000,000 light years.

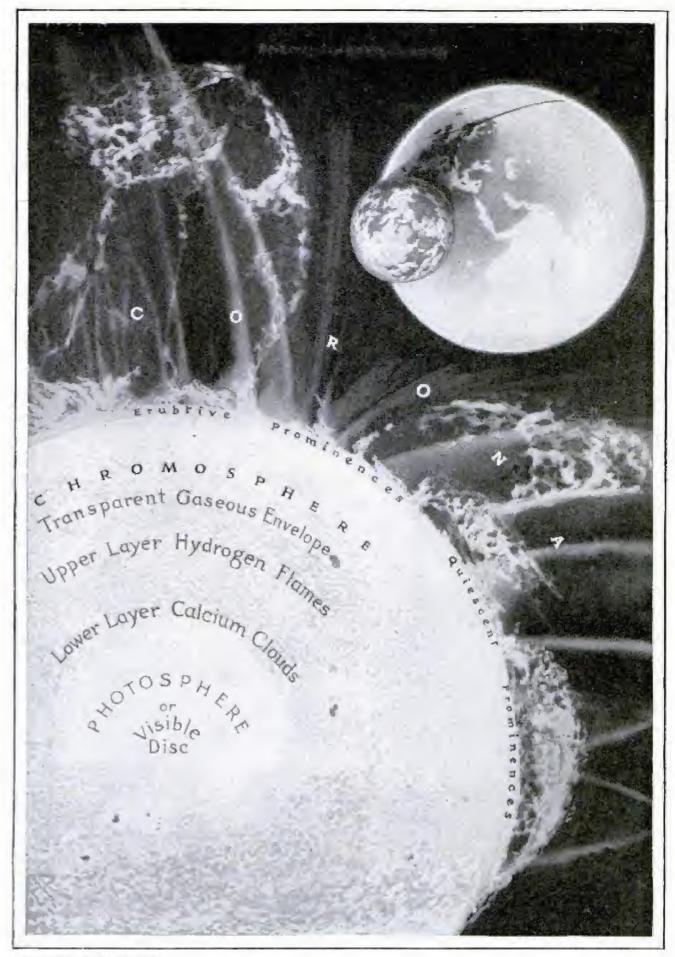
Some of the distant star clusters which are visible to the naked eye are quite well known, the Pleiades, for example. But to fly to them at 11,000,000 miles a minute, the speed of light or of a radio signal, would take 325 years, and when you arrived, you would find them to be a group of about 500 stars, as big as, or bigger than, our sun.

How the distance to these stars is



The Hindus in Olden Times Pictured the Earth as a Hemisphere, Supported by Elephants Standing on a Turtle's Back





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Cross Section of the Sun's Corona and Flaming Layers Which Surround the Real Molten Sphere; Above Is a Sketch Showing How the Moon Casts a Small Shadow on Part of the Earth



Spiral Nebula Unwinding, Above, and, Right, Series of Photographs of a Number of Stars Taken at Fifteen-Minute Intervals; the Variations in Intensity Proved One Was Really a Double or Twin Star. the Two Revolving around Each Other

measured is a marvelous story of human ingenuity. When the distance to the moon, a matter of some 250,000 miles, is measured, observations from two points as far a part, say, as

France and America, are sufficient. If a sight is taken from France and the angle measured, and a similar sight taken from America, it is as easy to calculate the point where the lines meet—the length of the base line between the two observatories being known—as it is for a surveyor to work out a similar problem in triangulation on an open prairie. For some of the close planets, the diameter of the earth itself is a sufficient base line, giving angles of sufficient size to be readily and accurately measured.

But in 1838, when Bessel undertook the first measurement of the distance to a star, he was faced by an infinitely more complicated problem. Imagine constructing a triangle with a one-inch base and two sides eight miles long, and then try to measure the angle of the sides to the

base. Yet that was the proportion of his angles, though his base line was the earth's orbit itself, a distance of 186,000,000 miles. After years of calculation, he figured that the star known as 61 Cygni, in the constellation of the Swan, was forty trillion miles away.

The use of the earth's orbit as a base line was a clever idea, but made the work rather slow, for it was necessary to make one observation and then wait six months for the earth to reach the opposite side of its orbit before making the second. In fact it was so slow, with the necessary calculations, that only sixty stars had been fixed up to 1900.

Then Yerkes observatory, at Williams

Bay, Wis., undertook to take over the task, using a photographic method. The idea was as clever as Bessel's. If you hold your pencil in front of your eyes and look at a picture on the wall, and then close first one eye and then the other you will see that the apparent position of the pencil, in relation to the picture, shifts from side to





The Familiar "Falling Star," Really a Meteor, Sometimes Crosses an Astronomer's Plate, Leaving a Perfectly Straight Mark



Students of an English College Helping Their Professor Place a Plate Holder on a Nineteen-Foot Camera to Photograph Recent Eclipse of the Sun, Visible Only Overseas

side. The Yerkes astronomers used a near star instead of a pencil and the distant star as a picture, and took photographs six months apart, on opposite sides of the earth's orbit. The result was that the near star had shifted in its apparent relation to the distant one, and the seeming shift could be measured and angles and distances calculated. In this way stars as much as 375 trillion miles away have been accurately located.

That, though, was about the limit of even that method, so another had to be found for stars still farther away. The sun and its planets are moving toward Vega at the rate of twelve miles a second. In twenty years this movement gives a base line forty times as long as the diameter of the earth's orbit, so observations made at twenty-year intervals, recording changes in the position of Vega in relation to inconceivably remote ones, are correspondingly larger, and the distance can be calculated. The work is made possible by the fact that vast multitudes of the stars are what is known as "fixed," mean-

ing they show no apparent change in position. Actually they are hurtling through space at tremendous speed, but the distance to them is so great that their motion is not apparent. A passenger in an airplane high above the earth, speeding at 100 miles an hour, does not feel that he is going any faster than in an automobile at a quarter of that speed, or less. The reason is that his view ranges so much farther, and there is nothing near by to help him judge his speed. Similarly, the observer on the ground does not appreciate the great speed of the airplane because of its distance. Enlarge the plane to the size of a star, but move it a few trillion miles away and you will see why the stars appear to be fixed in space.

One odd thing about distant stars is that what appears as a single one often is two, as Sirius, or more. The presence of such plural stars was first disclosed by measurements made of the light emitted by one of them, revealing the fact that the star was both approaching the earth and going away from it at the same time, 968 for San lliege aircraft POPULAR MECHANICS

DELIVER PAPERS BY AIRPLANE WITH SMALL PARACHUTE



Delivering Papers by Airplane; the Bundle Attached to Its Parachute, Settling to the Ground

Commercial application of the airplane has been somewhat restricted because of landing and take-off difficulties, but recent experiments at delivering goods from moving ships by means of special parachutes, indicate that the number of landings may be reduced to a minimum. Shipments of typewriters have been unloaded in this way, and, a few days later, bundles of newspapers were dropped from a monoplane in California and reached the ground gently after a quick fall of but a few feet to give the parachute time to open. The chute and newspaper pack weigh but five pounds. They are released when the pilot pulls a cord.

## HOW SALVAGING FARM TOOLS HELPED RESTORE SOUTH

Following the disastrous floods in Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana and Tennessee, relief agencies were faced with the immediate problem of saving human lives and then putting farms into operation

again as quickly as possible. A detail of that task involved a gigantic salvaging plan which saved millions of dollars and enabled growers to plant crops before the season was too late. Officials of the International Harvester company consulted their records, and wherever they found a tractor or other farming implement they had sold, whether it was paid for or not, they went to the owner with this proposition: "Get your wrench and oilcan and come with us. We stay with you until your tractor is running and the service will not cost you a cent." In a few weeks, more than 2,000 farming implements, that had been under water, were in working condition again and the owners were spared the expense of buying new equipment and the cost of delays that would have resulted otherwise. With the encouragement of Secretary Hoover, farmers were induced to plant corn, alfalfa, oats, sov beans and other crops that had never been raised before in these sections.

#### DISAPPEARING BED INSIDE AUTO LATEST CAMPING COMFORT

when not in use, a spring bed with felted mattress, four feet wide and over six feet long, is quickly extended and saves carrying extra luggage on the running board. It clears the seats, the cushions are not used as supports or removed, and, hence, it does not damage the upholstery.



Drawing to Show How the Bed Folds Up under the Rear Auto Seat When Not in Use

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Palace of the Maharajah of Mysore as It Appeared under Electric Illumination; the Display Reveals the Intricate Details of Indian Architecture

#### SPLENDOR OF ORIENTAL PALACE MAGNIFIED BY LIGHTS

How modern genius can be applied to emphasize the wonders of bygone days is well illustrated in the use of electric lights on famous buildings. Architectural details are thus more clearly revealed and the beauty of the structure heightened instead of lost in the night. When the maharajah of Mysore entertained the viceroy of India recently, he spared no pains in lavish hospitality, a feature of the occasion being the illumination of his palace, which glowed like luminous lace.

## FIRE EXTINGUISHER LIKE PISTOL WORKED WITH ONE HAND

To operate a hand fire extinguisher now on the market, you simply pick it up, point it at the fire

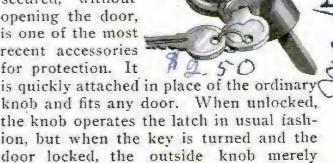


and pull a trigger. An effective stream of flame-smothering liquid is projected from the barrel of the pistol-shaped unit to a distance of thirty-five feet. The extinguisher is easily reloaded, and working

parts are not subjected to corrosion by contact with the chemical. The article is also serviceable as a substitute for a revolver in repulsing attacks, and, as only one hand is needed to use it, the other is left free for aid in defense or putting out fires.

#### CYLINDER LOCK IN DOOR KNOB GIVES ADDED PROTECTION

A door knob that locks and simply spins around when it is secured, without opening the door, is one of the most recent accessories for protection. It



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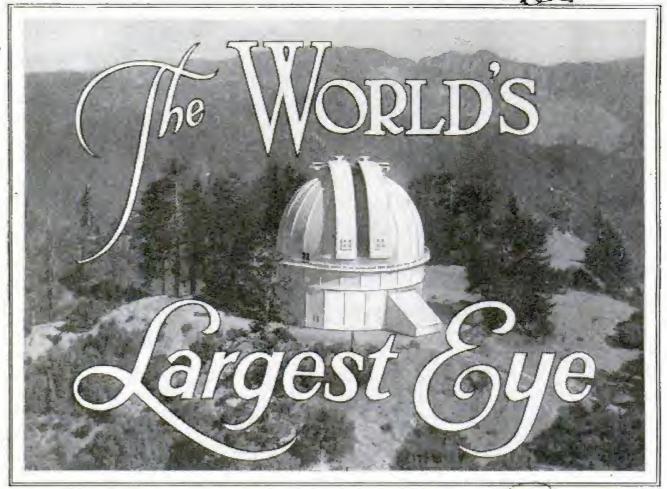
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Mount Wilson Observatory, in California, Which Houses the Only Hundred-Inch Telescope in the World; It Is a Reflector, Employing an Eight-Foot-Four-Inch Polished Mirror

THE largest eye in the world is planned for southern California. It will be ten feet in diameter.

A reflecting telescope it will be called. It will be set upon the summit of Mount Wilson, and its chief purpose will be to photograph celestial objects.

Nothing could better illustrate the ambition of man to extend the range of his knowledge and to overleap the limits of the faculties with which nature has endowed him. In the development of aids to vision lies one of the greatest of all human achievements. Yet the earliest telescope dates back only to 1608, and spectacles were not known until near the end of the thirteenth century.

Their invention is attributed to an Italian, Salvino degli Armati, and for a long time nobody thought of any other way to use them than by holding them on the nose with one hand while reading or writing. Pictures of the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries show people using them in that way. Later, when the supporting "bow" had been adopted—at first of

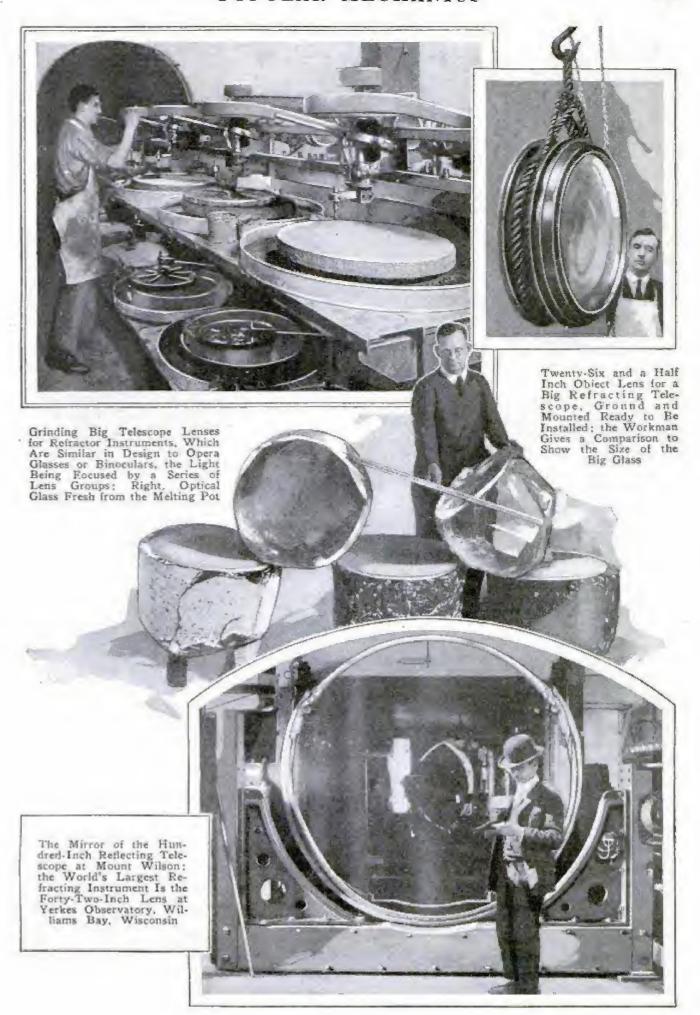
iron or leather, and then a spring—Nuremberg manufactured spectacles in enormous quantities, distributing them to all parts of the world.

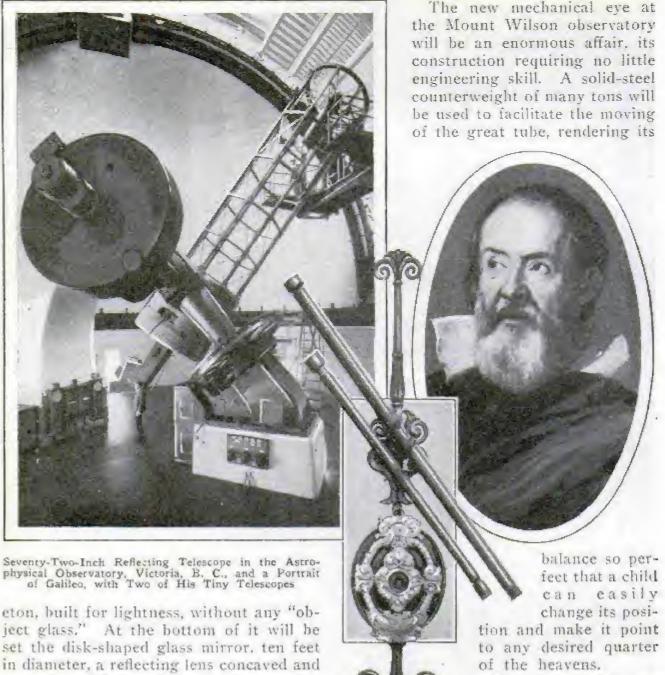
Right there was the beginning. The telescope gave to man supersight, and the climax of its development will be represented by the gigantic ten-foot eye at Mount Wilson.

The astronomical observatory already there has the largest reflecting telescope in the world, with a mirror lens 100 inches in diameter; but the reflector of the contemplated instrument will be nearly half again as big, gathering a proportionately greater number of light rays from a celestial object viewed.

Reflecting telescopes are a relatively new invention. For a reason presently to be stated, they can be made much larger than those of the more familiar kind, which are called refracting telescopes. They are constructed on a wholly different principle.

Thus the huge one planned for Mount Wilson will be a tube that is a mere skel-





eton, built for lightness, without any "object glass." At the bottom of it will be set the disk-shaped glass mirror, ten feet in diameter, a reflecting lens concaved and ground with mathematical accuracy. When observations are to be made of a star, the moon, or what not, the skeleton tube will be covered with a cylindrical envelope or canvas.

The light rays that come from the celestial object pass through the length of the tube to the mirror disk, which reflects them back in the shape of a cone, thereby concentrating them and bringing them to a focus upon a prism. The prism diverts the focused rays at right angles to an eyepiece at the side of the tube. The observer, looking through the eyepiece, sees the image of the star or other object. Or his eye may be replaced by a camera specially designed for making astronomical photographs.

The huge reflecting lens will be silvered, but not on the back like an

ordinary mirror. The silver will be on the outside of the lens, on top of the glass, so that light rays will be reflected directly from the bright metal. That in itself seems odd, for silver soon tarnishes, and one might suppose that its usefulness as a reflecting surface would thereby soon be Undoubtedly that would be the case, were it not for the fact that the disk will get a fresh coat every two weeks, being lowered for that purpose into a tank of molten silver. In order that changes of temperature may not affect its shape, a specially contrived refrigerating apparatus will be used in summer to keep it cool.

In making an object lens for a large refracting telescope, the chief difficulty is to get a piece of glass big enough that is of the requisite purity and flawlessness. That is what puts a limit on the size of ordinary telescopic lenses. But there is no such limitation where reflecting telescopes are concerned, because a few flaws more or less in the glass do not matter. It is covered by a silver coat anyway, and the main requirement is that it be ground to a concavity that is perfectly true.

The most important recent advances in astronomical knowledge have through the invention of the reflecting telescope. It is particularly well adapted for celestial photography. Pictures taken at Mount Wilson, with the 100-inch instrument, of landscapes on the moon, the surface of the sun with its whirling storms of fire, so-called "spots," and distant nebulæ which are believed to be universes distinct from ours, are marvelously beautiful, far surpassing any heretofore produced.

It is a far cry from the telescope of Galileo to the monster sky-searching instruments of today. The invention, like many another, was an accident. In October, 1608, an apprentice in an optician's shop at Middleburg, in Holland, playing with some lenses, found that by holding two of them in certain relative positions, he obtained an enlarged inverted view of His master, Hans Lippertuy, objects.

having his attention called to the phenomenon, fixed a couple of lenses in a tube and showed the device as a tov in his window. It could see a man two miles away!

Galileo, then residing in Venice, chanced to hear about this curious "spyglass," in June of the following year. He made several telescopes. With his fifth he discovered Jupiter's moons, opening new worlds for human discovery.



Studying an Enlarged Reproduction of Fingerprints for Better Identification; Minute Marks Are Preserved

#### FINGERPRINTS ENLARGED TO AID IDENTIFYING CRIMINALS

For more accurate comparison and study of the fingerprints of criminals and suspects, a means of magnifying them without spoiling or altering the distinguishing marks has been devised. Some of the prints are enlarged as much as 500 times. In this size, they are effective as courtroom exhibits in presenting evidence and accentuating telltale features.

#### TRAFFIC SIGN IN SILHOUETTE IS MORE EASILY READ

Easily Read in Frost or Storms; the Silhouette Traffic-Signal Posts for Highways

For greater visibility, auto-traffic signs along the highways are written in silhouette lettering, with conspicuous markers near by. Tests have shown that this style does not become obscured after frosts or storms so readily as printed ones. The plan may be adapted for directing airplane traffic as well, for the letters may be laid out on top of roofs or on a landing/field.

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Niches in the Wood Afford the Bird Convenient Storehouse for Food but Are Disastrous to the Timber

#### THRIFT OF WOODPECKER HARMS POWER LINES' POLES

Woodpeckers devour many harmful insects, but also do considerable damage to wooden power-line poles by using them as storehouses for their food. As the accompanying illustration shows, the birds have a habit of drilling holes in the wood and inserting acorns and other morsels. The decay and sometimes harbor worms, which the bird relishes. Holes in the pole weaken it and expose it to rot. Along some of the lines that pass through extensive wooded territory special patrols are maintained to keep the woodpeckers and other birds away.

#### UNDER WATER LIGHTS IN POOL 4 HELP PROTECT SWIMMERS

To eliminate shadows and enable the swimmers to see the bottom of the pool more clearly, lights have been installed under the water in an outdoor pool at Jefferson Barracks, Mo. They cause no glare and eight lighting units are sufficient for the tank, which is 130 feet long and fifty feet wide. The lights are inclosed in specially constructed projectors.

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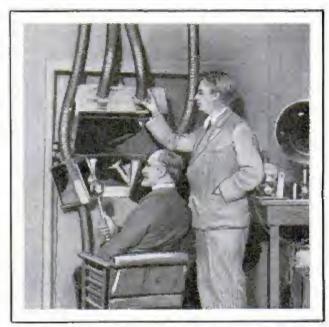
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NO SHORTAGE OF TIMBER IN U. S. ASSOCIATION DECLARES 7

Contrary to public opinion, there is an abundance of timber in the United States at the present time, according to the Nathonal Lumber Manufacturers' association. and the problem of a future supply is one of sufficient consumption now rather than overuse. In other words, the body points out that it is not economical to preserve "ripe" trees indefinitely, for only by marketing those that are ready for use can the industry be assured of reasonable profits from the work of growing trees.

#### FIND SHIPS HIDDEN BY FOGS WITH ELECTRIC BEAM 3269

Will the smoke screen, laid down to protect battleships, become obsolete and useless? Possibility that it may, is suggested in a recent invention by John L. Baird, television expert, whereby an electric beam is made to penetrate smoke and mists and produce a sound whenever it meets an obstruction. The nature of the obstacle is determined by focusing the beam upon a screen attached to the apparatus. Tests with the outfit on a coastal steamer, running between Dundee and London, indicate that the electric eye will be of great help in locating vessels in fogs, thus resulting in a decrease in maritime accidents with a possible reduction of insurance rates as a consequence.



John L. Baird, Standing, with Sir Arthur Keith at the Electric Apparatus Which Penetrates Mists



Swimmers in the Dog Masks Starting the Race from the Punt Disguised as a Row of Kennels; the Event Proved an Interesting Novelty at an English Meet, Due to Popularity of Greyhound Racing

#### SWIMMERS IN DOG DISGUISE ADD SPORT TO RACE

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The popularity of greyhound racing was reflected at an English resort recently when swimmers donned papier-mache dog masks and leaped from a punt disguised as a starting box for a race. The masks were adjusted so as not to interfere with the swimmers' vision or breathing and, being of light weight, caused little, if any, discomfort to the wearers.

## RELIEVES FOOT ILLS 3300

Adaptable to the form of the feet, an inflated air cushion fitted inside the shoes, is said to provide a helpful support to the arch, does not



change the shape of the shoe and keeps the foot from sliding off, a commonstrou-

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ble with many styles of supporters. It is light in weight and, since it can be inflated to different degrees, solves the problem of raising the arches gradually.

# CHAIR WITH LOCKING JOINTS

Parts of a chair now on the market are held together by a patented mortise-andtenon lock joint as well as glue. This joint is so adjusted that the



harder a member is pulled, the more securely it holds, as the pronglike extensions of the joint become more firmly imbedded in the wood.

Experts have estimated that the average American breathes as much as five times his own weight in soot and dirt every twelve months.

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For Added Protection against the Dangerous Captive; Steel Mittens That Prevent Using Gun

#### STEEL MITTENS AS HANDCUFFS PREVENT USING GUN

To restrain prisoners from using knife or gun, steel-mitten handcuffs have been devised by a western man. They are hinged in the palms so that the hands may easily be inserted.

#### GASOLINE FROM COAL AVERTS THREATENED OIL SHORTAGE

After fifteen years of toil, a synthetic gasoline, the invention of Dr. Friedrich Bergius, has been placed on the market in Germany. The introduction of the product in this country is not expected for some time. At the present time chemists are at work on the process which may greatly reduce the price of gasoline. The new fuel is produced by combining hydrogen gas with coal by means of high heat and pressure. The coal is pulverized and then mixed with a heavy oil to a pasty This is then placed into a light steel retort and heated to about 800 degrees Fahrenheit under a pressure of some 3,000 pounds per square inch. A complex mixture of gases is obtained, as most of the carbon unites with the hydrogen. And then there are the liquid and solid comepounds similar to those extracted from

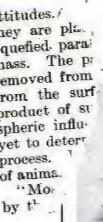
natural wells. Through the principles of the Bergius process, as much as 90 per cent of the carbon in lignite, a low-grade coal, is transformed into such oil products. A ton of common bituminous coal, experiments have shown, will yield 300 pounds of gasoline, 400 pounds of heavier oils available for Diesel internal-combustion engines, 120 pounds of lubricating oils and 160 pounds of fuel oils. From these figures, scientists point out, it can be seen that any threatened oil shortage within the next century will be averted. It will seem a crime, they say, within the next few years to burn coal for fuel when it contains such valuable ingredients.

#### PRINTING PICTURES MADE EASY 3 /19 BY COMPOSITION BLOCK

n engraving block, built up of a cellulose composition, which is easy to cut in any direction, as it has neither the grain of wood nor the fiber of linoleum blocks, has been patented by an Omaha engraver, who is marketing the blocks in any desired size, as well as tools for cutting anything from a simple poster to the finest of line work. The block is said to be durable, and will stand up under press runs of 20,000 or more without showing appreciable wear. It is suitable for all forms of work, from simple monograms to large advertisements, and, as its surface is colored, it is easy to engrave. The outline of the drawing can be placed directly on the block with pen or pencil.



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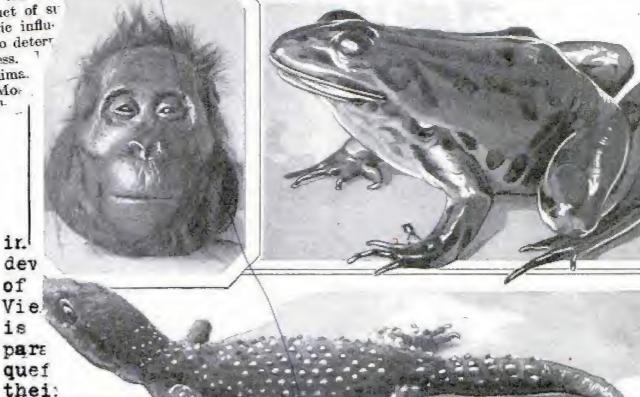


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#### PARAFFIN BATH FOR SPECIMENS. PRESERVES NATURAL FORM

Animal and vegetable specimens are said to be preserved in their natural form and colors more faithfully than can be done by other methods through a process developed by professors at the university of Vienna. Because the samples are kept dry, making the use of alcohol or other liquids unnecessary, the system promises great aid to biology and botany students. A first step is treatment with a special fixing liquid which prevents deformation and shrinking. Following this, the specimen is subjected to a paraffin and preserving bath, during which it absorbs the substance, becoming stiff, and the water content is driven out. The fixing preparation is applied as soon after the death of the specimen as possible. It is said

that the process can be performed without first removing an animal's organs. In the field of botany, it promises aid, as the natural colors and form of flowers and leaves are preserved.

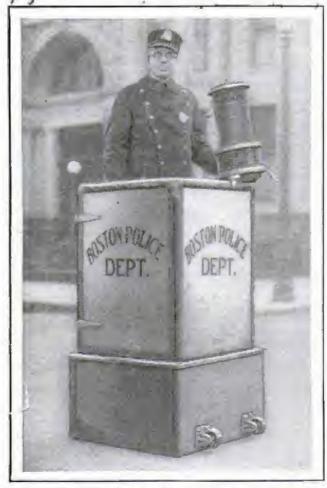
### SHOWERS OF "VOLCANIC ASHES" 3240 PROVE TO BE POLLEN

Botanists rather than geologists were required to solve a recent mystery in-Alaska—the appearance of a fine yellow dust that was at first supposed to be ash from a distant volcano. Examination showed that the substance was pollen from spruce trees.

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Comfort for the Traffic Policeman While on Duty; Booth and Oil Heater Keep Feet Warm

#### HEATER FOR TRAFFIC POLICE MAKES WORK EASIER

With an oil heater and a protecting shield about his post, a traffic policemanin Boston is guarded from chill winds and dampness while on duty. The walls about the station help retain the warmth from the heater and protect the officer's feet.

### LIGHT STREET LAMPS BY RADIO

Similar in many respects to the familiar radio transmitter, a long-wave, low-powered vacuum-tube sending set, operated for a few seconds daily, controls all the street lights in the city of Glens Falls, N. Y. The system, developed by engineers of the General Electric company, marks the first commercial application of radio to such a function, and is so regulated that instead of spreading out in all directions as they do in radio broadcasting, the impulses are confined to the wires to receiving stations. There switches are tripped, relays operated and lights turned

on or off. Only five seconds are required to illuminate them; when the operator turns the "off" button in the power house, the transmitter automatically operates for ten seconds and cuts off the lights. Among the advantages claimed for the system are the following: existing circuits are used for transmission of control energy; the usual distribution of power is not affected in any way; interference with telephone and radio space is avoided, and the system is equally applicable to grounded and ungrounded distribution installations. Lightning, switching surges or stray currents do not operate it, and since the "on". and "off" operations are distinctive, there can be no doubt as to the condition of the circuit at the remote point of control.

## 2262 COMBINED IN ONE

Better regulation of the furnace draft and a means for quickly cleaning the chimney are afforded in a patented installation introduced by a western inventor. It consists of a brush, operated on an endless chain by a crank, to scrape off soot and dust inside the flue. The door to the brush chamber, which opens at the base of the chimney, is hinged and has a chain leading to the front of the furnace for easy adjustments affecting the draft. The outfit is said to give protection against fires reduce fuel consumption and improve the



A Turn of the Crank Helps Clean the Chimney, as Brush on Endless Chain Inside Is Drawn Along

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The Specter of the Brocken as Seen on the Top of the Famous German Mountain When the Setting Sun Throws the Explorers' Shadows against a Rainbow-Marked Bank of Clouds

PLYING across the Pacific, bound for Honolulu, Smith and Bronte, pilots of the "City of Oakland," sighted a number of islands where no islands were. When they finally reached the leper colony of the archipelago on the last drop of gas in their tanks, they believed, at first, it was only another mirage, and hesitated about picking out a place to land.

Col, Charles A. Lindbergh, on his flight to Paris, encountered the same sort of mirage, several hundred miles before he reached the Irish coast. Ahead of him he saw mountains, valleys and grassy glades that looked so real it was difficult to reconcile them to the fact, which he knew, that he was still some hours from the nearest land.

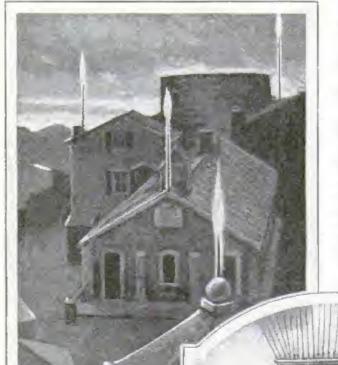
Mirages are not at all uncommon, though aviation has made it possible for anyone who cares to go up to have the chance of seeing at least one. The world's most famous optical illusion, the Fata Morgana of the Straits of Messina. has recently succumbed to modern photo-telescopic cameras and been reduced to paper.

The Fata Morgana is a mirage seen oc-

casionally from the Italian side of the straits, which lie between Italy and Sicily. For hundreds of years it has been famous as the mysterious city, popularly believed to be built on a submersible island, and home of the Fairy Morgan, sister of King Arthur of the Round Table. She, according to the superstitious Italians of the neighborhood, is an immortal princess, possessed of magic powers, and at her will the island rises or sinks beneath the sea. They tell stories of mariners lured to the misty city, cast away on its shores, and never seen again.

The phenomenon is actually an illusion—a distorted image of Messina, far away on the Sicilian side of the straits, and not, under ordinary conditions, visible to the watcher in Italy, for, because of its distance, it lies far below the horizon.

But occasionally, on the afternoon of a hot day, when the sea is unusually calm, a layer of air, cooled by the water, overspreads the sea, with a warmer layer just above it. This juxtaposition of two layers of different densities causes a bending of light rays toward the observer, and he act-



rage seen on the desert, while the city in the air is technically ascribed to "looming."

The most common desert mirage takes the form of a cool lake of water, which appears miles ahead of the thirsty traveler. Actually, the mirage is due to the bending of light rays in such a way that a portion of the sky appears below the horizon, giving the impression of a blue lake. Looming also is fairly common in the desert, the mud walls, towers and minarets of fardistant villages appearing in the sky. The soldiers of Napoleon on the Egyptian campaign were so awe-struck by the spectacle that they fell down and prayed.

Alaska and Greenland both are famous

for their aerial phantoms. Seamen sailing along the east coast of Greenland see amazing spectacles, due to the air over the icecap being chilled, while warmer currents lie above it. Then the light rays are bent downward and the distant cliffs, viewed through a telescope, appear as

ually sees objects which are below the horizon. The appearance of the mirage is always preceded by the forming of a streak of mist along the horizon where the two layers of air meet, due to the condensation of moisture in the calm air by the

coolness of the sea. Presently the mist dissolves, and the magic city begins to uplift itself in the distance, its towers and palaces taking form with all the seeming of reality, only to melt away, become indistinct, and disappear after a little while.

The image is not a true picture of the hidden city across the straits, but is made up of indistinct and wavering lines, the distortion accounting for the fact that the superstitious natives never connect the vision with its actual cause.

Occasionally the atmospheric conditions may be reversed, with the cool air above a warmer layer, and then the vision is reversed, and the fairy isle of Fata Morgana is apparently seen beneath the surface of the sea. That is the form of the true mi-



St. Elmo's Fire, Top; an Actual Spectral Image Photographed on a Cloud, and the Death of Prof. Richman, a Russian Scientist, from Lightning



Spectral Image Sketched from a Ship off the Coast of Greenland, Showing the Spires and Towers Produced by Distortion of Light Rays in Two Currents of Hot and Cold Air

huge cities, with domes, minarets, obelisks and medieval fortifications. The structures have all the appearance of being substantial, save that their forms are constantly changing.

The Silent City of Alaska occasionally seen above the great Muir glacier, is a similar phenomenon. It looks so much like an ancient fortified city that spectators have often sworn they saw people walking in the streets. Actually both the visions are due to distortion of icy pinnacles and peaks.

It isn't necessary, however, to go to the desert or the arctic wastes to see mirages, for aviators encounter them regularly in flying through clouds. Drops of moisture in the atmosphere break up the light and form marvelous rainbows, which, unlike the bows seen on land, are complete circles, as the eye is not limited by the horizon. Instead of the single or occasional double rainbow on the ground, there may be many of them, one inside the other, and, if the position of the sun is right, in the exact center of the concentric bows will be the image of your airplane. The image is simply the shadow of the plane, thrown by the sun on a near-by cloud.

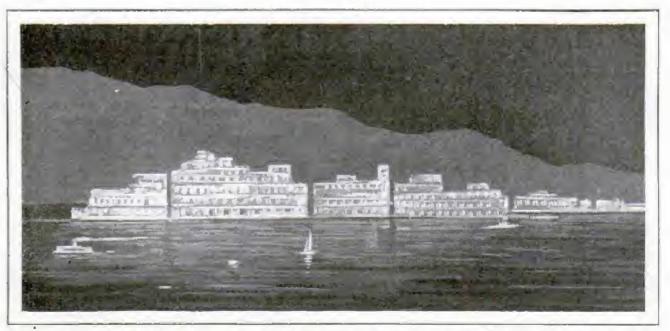
The famous Brocken specter of Germany, and similar illusions seen by mountain climbers, are due to the same cause. The phenomenon was first observed on the Brocken, a noted German mountain, when an explorer was startled to see what he described as an enormous giant walking along through space. The sun was

behind him at the time and threw his shadow on the cloud bank, greatly magnified, and as the mountaineer walked, the shadow appeared like some advancing giant. Around the specter is often seen one or more rainbow circles.

Not all mysterious phenomena are as easily explained. No one, for example. has ever been able to account for ball lightning, first recorded when the pious worshipers of Tours, France, saw a huge ball of living flame hover over the head of Bishop Martin while that prelate, afterward made a saint, was dedicating a ca-Yet, the appearance of these huge balls during thunderstorms is not at all unusual, and many have been startled by seeing them hovering in the air, rolling through a house or across the ground. sometimes striking the earth and rebounding into the air, and again bursting with a terrific thunderclap.

Dazzlingly bright, they are sometimes white, sometimes blue, and again red. Some who have seen them have described a peculiar hissing, humming sound as they moved, and their speed may be fast or slow. They apparently have an inclination toward entering houses, floating in through open doorways or windows or coming down the chimney. Now and again they set fire to buildings; occasionally they kill people. In one recorded instance, a lightning ball killed a dog in a girl's lap without harming her.

In size, they may be anything from that of a golf ball to several feet in diameter.



Photograph of the Fata Morgana, the Illusion Which Brings the Picture of the Distant City of Messina over, the Curvature of the Earth, to Make It Visible from the Italian Shore

During the progress of the tornado that struck Louisville, Ky., in March, 1890, numerous balls of living fire, the size of oranges, added to the fright of the terror-stricken victims. In the darkness, all of the lights of the city having been put out, they rolled about the streets and along telephone wires and the cornices of buildings, and finally exploded with tremendous reports.

A Russian scientist, who tried to duplicate Benjamin Franklin's kite experiment. failed to take proper precautions. A ball of lightning ran down his kite string, blew up, killed him and knocked his assistant unconscious.

On high mountain tops, tufts of light often appear about persons' heads. At sea the same thing is seen on the mastheads and rigging of vessels. It is known as St. Elmo's fire. It may sometimes be seen springing from church steeples or other prominent points. It is not at all mysterious, being merely a static discharge such as the familiar "brush discharge," seen about high-tension electrical apparatus when operated in the dark.

## TLYING BICYCLE TO HAVE SPEED OF FIFTY MILES AN HOUR

Revival of the bicycling craze is seen as a possibility in the invention of a Viennese engineer who has added wings and a propeller to the unit for travel through the air. He hopes that the rider will be able to attain a speed of forty to fifty miles an hour, rise from the ground at will, reach altitudes of 3.000 feet, and all with practical safety. Tests with a quarter-size model of the machine have justified his predictions, he asserts. The propeller is sufficiently high above the bottom of the rear wheel not to interfere with travel on the ground: the entire outfit is to weigh not more than 100 pounds. The wings and guiding planes are controlled by moving the handlebars.

#### GAUGE TO PLACE DOOR HINGES SAVES TIME AND ERROR



To simplify the task of fitting lunges, a gauge is hung from the top of the door and the size and positions of the hinges indicated on the wood by adjustable cutter heads. A rap of a hammer on each of the three marking units is sufficient to outline the places to be chis-

eled out. Repeating the operation against the jamb, insures a curate matching.

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#### PROFITS FROM PONTOON BRIDGE REWARD BUILDER

Ability to serve the community emergency has put dollars into the pocket of an Oregon man and prevented serious delays in travel. A flood wrecked the steel, bridge over the Rogue river at Galice U but one of the enterprising citizens quickly secured a franchise from the county court and constructed a pontoon bridge, on four anchored scows, at a total cost of not more than \$700. Tolls have paid for the bridge, and more besides, while the steel viaduct was being rebuilt on higher piers to prevent a repetition of the washout.

#### RAILWAY KEPT FREE OF WEEDS WITH PUSH-CAR CUTTER 304

From an ordinary flat push car, and at an expense of about \$18, a Pennsylvania railroad foreman has constructed an efficient weed cutter to keep the right of way free from growth that damages ballast and ties. The cutter itself is like that of a farm mowing machine, and the outfit has cut more than twenty-five tons of weeds on a stretch of over six miles, doing



Mowing Weeds along Railroad Tracks with Push-Car Cutter, Made by Foreman at Little Expense

in four hou/s what would have taken six men about/ five days with hand toots. Only one/man is required to operate it, the cutter is adjustable to different heights, makes of swath four feet wide and, when not in/use, can be elevated to an upright position. A small motor car furnishes the necessary power.

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Boguslawski with the Scale Used in Weighing Hand Pressure He Exerted in Playing Selection

#### POWER NEEDED TO PLAY PIANO MEASURED BY SCALES

Moissave Boguslawski exerts hand and finger pressure of more than four tons "Staccato playing Rubinstein's Etude," making as many as 540 chord strokes to the minute. Three pounds to a chord is about the average pressure, as shown by scales which are used as the piece is played to record the effort required. In one performance, he finished the number in six minutes with a total pressure of 9,720 pounds.

#### CARRY LOCOMOTIVE ON MULES FOR MEXICAN MINE

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Since many mines in Mexico are located far back in the mountains and accessible only by narrow trails, it is necessary to transport the machinery on the backs of mules. This has been successfully done with units as large as locomotives, which are thus transported, piece by piece, across the rugged country and reassembled at the mines.

(IA radio loud speaker has been successfully used in a German orchard to frighten away birds a. W. allew, 1452



Absence of Braces under This Monoplane Wing Is Calculated to Make Greater Speed Possible; Support Is Obtained by Cantilever Construction of the Wing Itself

#### PLANE WING WITHOUT STRUTS SUPPORTS SEVENTEEN MEN

To test the strength of the unstrutted wing of a monoplane recently constructed, seventeen men stood on the ship, and careful measurements showed that it suffered no damage and did not sag under the weight. The wing bracing is entirely concealed within the outer fabric and is constructed on the cantilever principle. Absence of the struts outside will afford possibility of greater speed.

#### SHIELDS ON OBSERVATION CARS ADD TO TRAVEL COMFORT

Travelers riding on the roofless observation cars of a western railroad this sea-

obstruct the view.

324 | TO TAME STATIC Radio manufacturers have called in the "air-conditioning engineer" to aid them in making tests on the effect of weather on reception and broadcasting. In their laboratories, temperatures from zero to 100 degrees, or higher, can easily be cre-

son enjoyed further comfort as each seat

was protected by a glass windshield, break-

ing the force of the breeze and warding off smoke and cinders. The protectors

were designed and adjusted so as not to

RADIOMEN MAKE OWN WEATHER

ated and a wide range of humidity percentages produced to determine any significant reactions. Another problem of

> the weather-radio question is more definitely studied, namely, what the interior temperature and moisture should be to keep the set in the most satisfactory working condition. Will air that is too dry warp and damage the set as it does the piano and other furni ture? What is the result of too hot and dry air on Tests have batteries? shown that dry air frequently causes the acids in batteries to creep out of the boxes upon the



New Observation Car of Western Railroad with Seats Having Separate Windshields to Keep off Smoke and Dust

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the basement. A suitable mixture of noisture with air in the house is better or the radio as well as for health, he experiments have shown. In the roadcasting rooms, improved ventilating and air-conditioning apparatus has been installed, to insure more comfort for performers and better quality of the music.

MYSTERIES OF PRECIOUS GEMS PUZZLE SCHOLARS 3259

What becomes of a diamond when it Is burned up? It leaves no ash and when'it finally blazes itself out, there remains not even so much as would dust the point of a needle. Sapphires are shrouded in mystery. In the Orient, there is a species of spider which dies suddenly when placed in a box along with the gems. According to one scholar, this jewel "feels with the air." sympathizes with the heavens and does not shine equally when the sky is cloudy or bright. Opals also present a number of riddles. They are comparatively soft when taken out of the earth, but grow harder after exposure to the air. Plunged into water, they disengage small bubbles of gas while their warm tints are sometimes emphasized by the heat of the hand. Turquoises are noted for their peculiar color changes. Often they are pale, then turn spotted and may change from blue to white. Their original value may double or treble in a single night because of these mystifying changes. One of the rare and costly stones, Alexandrite, has not yet been satisfactorily imitated. This gem is emerald by day and amethyst by night.

Genuine rubies contain little bubbles and have a silky sheen. Experts have found such successful ways to imitate them that extensive research into the genuine stones, which are worth about twelve times as much as diamonds, weight for weight, has been dropped.



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Branding Beef with the Needle Marker; Stamp Is Imbedded beneath the Surface for Permanence

#### NEEDLES BRAND FRESH BEEF TO IDENTIFY GRADE

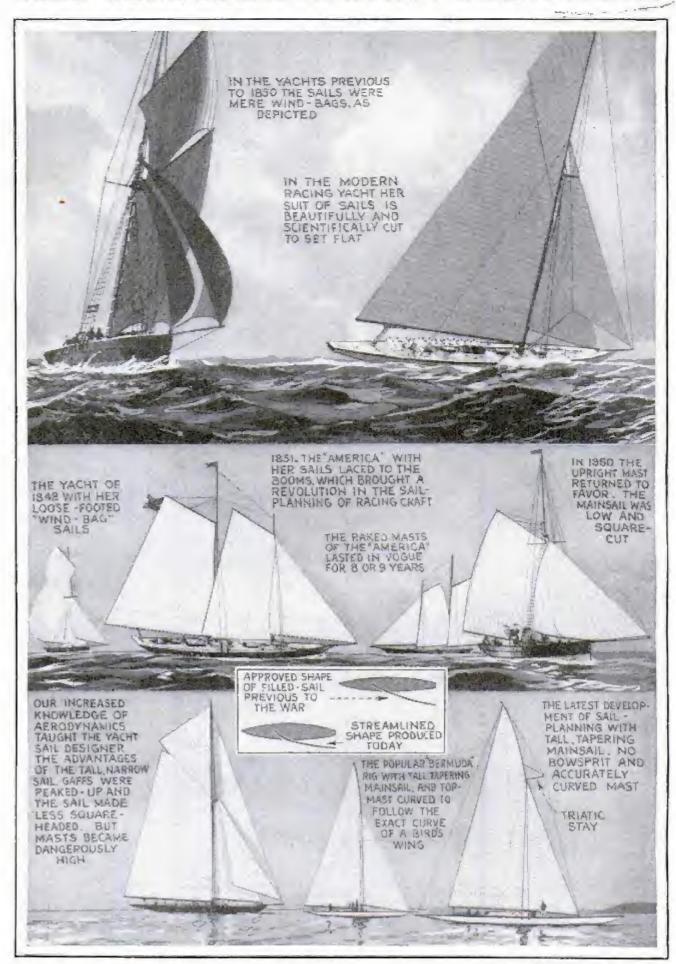
The two best grades of its fresh beef are being stamped with a needle-branding device by a packing company. The marker is constructed of phonograph needles that prick the design on the meat as the unit is rolled over it. The sign is repeated quickly, and little time is required to register the identification. It is said that 60,000 needles were required to make it.

SERVICE STATION LIKE TEAPOT USES SPOUT FOR CHIMNEY

Teapot Service Station Attracts Attention and Proves Practical; the Spout Serves as Chimney

Novelty is the chief feature of a service station resembling a huge teapot, but the spout is also useful, for in the winter time it serves as a chimney. With the handle, it is made of clay and plaster of paris, while the outside of the building is of shingles.

#### BIRDS' WINGS EMULATED IN NEW SAILING YACHTS



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MARS RESULT IN NEW RIDDLES

Color photos have been enlisted on a large scale at the Lick observatory in an effort to solve some of the riddles of Mars. While new data have been gathered, still greater perplexities have resulted, for, among other things, the color pictures reveal that the Martian atmosphere contains a type of blue cloud with a composition that so far defies analysis, and this atmosphere probably extends more than fifty miles from the surface of the planet. The photographs were taken

through the thirty-six-inch refracting telescope, enlarged and carefully studied, the use of ultraviolet and infrared lights enabling the photographers to show the planet with its atmosphere surrounding it like a blanket or "peeled away," reducing the interference. It has been established that the planet's atmosphere supports water-vapor clouds similar to those found above the earth and by means of the infrared-light photos, which penetrate the atmosphere, it has been determined, in the opinion of the scholars doing the work. that the "canals" on the surface of Mars are not optical illusions but are growths of vegetation and that the planet is some ' seventy miles less in diameter than was

formerly supposed. More than 1,700 photographs were taken and enlarged in such a way as to increase the size of the observed planet about 800 times. The astronomers have made a new map of the body, using 150 photos, and propose to study it with the aid of motion pictures.



Riding the Paste "Bottle"; Replica of the Dentifrice Container Used for Amusement Purposes at Beach

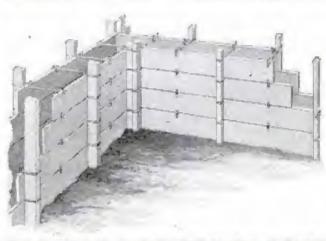
### BIG TUBE GIVES BATHERS RIDE AND ADVERTISES PASTE

At a German seacoast town, an archored tube, representing the container of a brand of toothpaste, afforded bathers amusement. It was placed where it would float at high tide and be visible to everyone at the beach when the waters receded.

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Cut-to-fit wall ties for binding concrete forms together have been placed on the market. The tie is essentially a piece of wire with lugs that fit over the edge of the

form, saving the task of unrolling the wire, bending it around timbers and cutting it to the right length. With the ties, the studding can be alternated so that fewer uprights are needed. Since nails do not have to be driven into the forms, the life of the lumber is



Concrete Form Fastened with Wall Tie That Is Quickly
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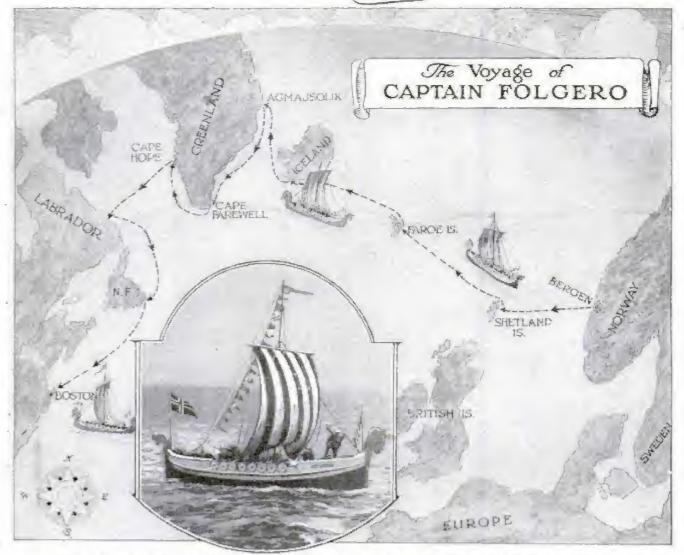
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#### MODERN VIKINGS PROVE ERICSON'S FEAT POSSIBLE



Voyage of the "Leif Ericson" across the Atlantic in the Path Followed by the Famous Son of Eric on the Voyage of Discovery That Brought Him to America

Two Viking ships, a Norse longboat of slightly more than eighty feet, constructed to the same size as one dug up in Norway fifty years ago, and a half-size replica met in Chicago recently as a result of a modern Viking's desire to prove not only that Leif Ericson's voyage of discovery to America was quite possible, but that it could have been done in a much smaller boat. The longboat was one built by Norway and sailed across the Atlantic many years ago for the World's Columbian exposition at Chicago. The half-size boat, forty-two feet over all, twelve feet nine inches wide, and drawing four feet of water, was sailed from Norway for the Philadelphia exposition, and then followed the route of its earlier and higger prototype in a tour of the Great Lakes. Capt. Gerhard Folgero and three companions brought the little ship, with its single mast,

its oars for calm weather and its rows of painted battle shields, across the western ocean by way of the Shetland and Faroe islands, Iceland, Greenland, Labrador and Newfoundland in twenty-nine days, battling gales and ice fields for a large part of the way. A sea anchor and a supply of oil bags, to smooth the worst seas, fresh water and provisions for three months constituted their chief equipment. From Bergen, Norway, they sailed to the Faroes, by way of the Shetland group, and were given a ceremonial welcome by the Norse community. Then they bore northwest to Iceland, where Eric and Leif, his son, lived, the small boat almost foundering in a terrific hurricane on the way. It took five days to reach Iceland, and after a one-day stop to replenish the oil supply, they set sail for Greenland. After reaching it and sailing

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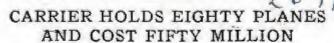
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around its southern end, they crossed to Labrador, but ice blocked them, so eventually they had to go on to St. John's, N. F., before they could reach a harbor to rest and repair.

RAIL LAYER IS RUN BY ONE MAN

Operated by only one man, a rail-laying device, constructed by a section foreman of the Pennsylvania railroad, is said to do the work of twenty men. The outfit weighs but 400 pounds and was made from odd materials

taken from the railroad yards. It is especially adapted to the placing of new rails where small crews are available. It is reported that, with the outfit and six men, the inventor has laid as many as eighty-two rails in a day.



Eighty airplanes will be accommodated on the carrier "Lexington," which is expected to be finished next January. It is 888 feet long, displaces 35,000 tons, will carry a crew of 1.700 men, and the cost is approximately \$50,000,000.



Police Timing an Autoist with Aid of Periscope as He Drives through Tunnel; Speeders Are Pursued

### PERISCOPES TO TRAP SPEEDERS AID TRAFFIC POLICE

Small periscopes, similar to those used in the trenches during the war, have been adopted by the Los Angeles police in a campaign against automobile speeders who persist in exceeding the limits while driving through tunnels in the downtown district. Concealed, the police can check the speed of the car through the instrument and pursue it, if necessary.

### OVEREATING AFFECTS THE EYES STOMACH BALLOON SHOWS 3

By swallowing a stomach tube to which a small balloon was attached and inflated, a subject at the Rush medical college recently demonstrated to physicians how overeating affects the vision. Distention of the stomach produced results similar to those arising after eating a large meal. Within a few moments after the balloon was blown up the subject became drowsy and extra effort was required to read. Examination of the eves. mayshowed that vision was



Part View of the Airplane Carrier "Lexington," Which Will Have Room for Eighty Planes and 1,700 Men

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AUTO-TRUCK BODY SLIDES OFF TO SIMPLIFY LOADING

To save time and make trucking easier, a California inventor has introduced an easily demountable body for motor units. somewhat like those now in use on freight and express trains. The power of the truck itself is utilized to slide the body, loaded or empty, upon a platform and readjustment is made by reversing the

process. Small wheels on the body permit moving it around for ease in removing the contents or filling it and thus save hand trucking. Only a few seconds are required to remove the body or haul it on.

COCOA-ODOR FERTILIZER LATEST GARDEN AID

Fertilizers with unoffending odors have been prepared recently by the bureau of soils from the by-products of cocoa and other materials. Some 20,000 tons of the cocoa substance are pro-

duced annually in the United States. It is said to contain considerable quantities of nitrogen and is easily applied. Other fertilizers have been made from driedcrab waste, shrimp waste and bran.

ELECTRIC PUMP TO RESTORE BLOOD 3/96 CIRCULATION

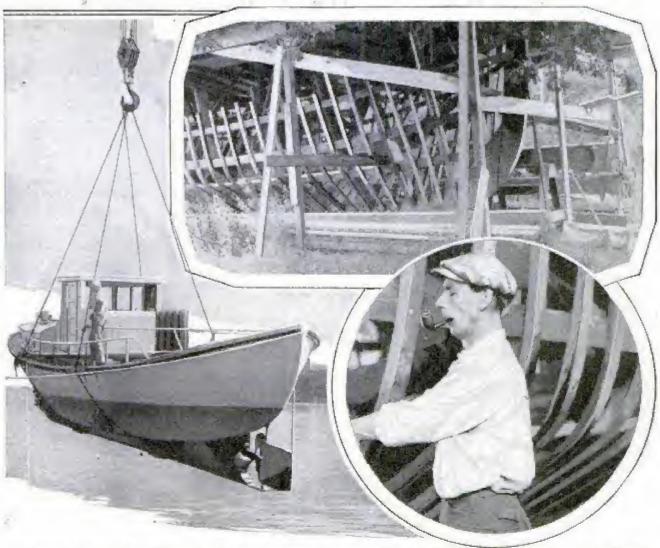
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unit, already successfully demonstrated in cases of drowning, heart failure, nervous shock and like instances of tempo- \( \mathbf{O} \) rary cessation of normal life functions It is said to overcome one of the chief difficulties that has defeated previous 5 attempts/in this direction, that is, get-, ing the blood back into the heart. In

the new apparatus, this is accomplished by simulfaneous mechanical stimulation of the aldomen, the lungs and the heart resulting in restoration of the activity of the heart, arterial system and lungs at one and the same time. The outfit is portable and may be operated by electrical current from regular circuits or by a special It has been designed especialla for life-saving units of all kinds and has been successfully demonstrated.,



Using the Pump Which Circulates Blood Artificially, to Aid in Reviving Persons Nearly Dead



Views of the One-Man Shipyard and Its Operator; Part of an Unfinished Ship, Launching One of the Craft, and Mr. Hoffman at Work; Seagoing Vessels Are His Specialty

#### MAKING SHIPS IN BACKYARD PROVES PROFITABLE HOBBY

A backyard in the outskirts of a large city is not the place you would expect to find a shipbuilding plant, but such is the location of one at Portland, Oreg., which has turned out four seagoing motor fish- /274. AND SAVES GASOLINE ing boats and has construction of the fifth under way. The enterprise is conducted wholly by one man, Samuel Hoffman, who has been building ships as a hobby for fifteen years. A carpenter by trade, he gives his spare time only to the boats and thinks nothing of devoting two or three years to a single ship. The trawler he is now building will have cost approximately \$10,000 when it is finished. Its ninety ribs are of eastern white oak, the boat is fortytwo feet long, with an eleven-foot beam, and will be equipped with a thirty-horsepower motor. When the boats are finished, they are taken by house movers to

the Willamette river, a distance of five and one-half miles, and launched by crane for the journey to the Columbia river and out to the sea.

## HEATER UNIT HELPS START CAR

Adaptable to all makes of automobiles, or to other combustion motors, a heating system forces an air current at some 300°

degrees Fahrenheit into the intake manifold to simplify starting the engine. consists of a small motor and fan, the air being

driven over an electrically heated coil through a flexible tube into the manifold. The necessary energy is derived from the

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Removing Rivets with Cutter That Has Shield Attached, and Close View of the Guard

#### RIVET-CUTTER SHIELD REDUCES LABOR AND AIDS SAFETY

In removing rivets from steel cars and other units, two men generally are required, one to shield and catch the rivet head while the other operates the cutter. With a wire net, which fits on the end of the cutting hammer, the danger of flying heads is eliminated and only one man is

needed, an additional advantage being that workers can operate directly opposite each other without danger.

# "POCKET" BALLOON CARRIES MAN 300 MILES

Weighing but fifty pounds, a twenty-foot balloon recently carried a man from New Jersey to the Adirondacks on a 350-mile overnight trip. He landed near a railroad station, emptied the bag of its 4,000 cubic feet of hydrogen, packed the bal-

He had sufficient gas and ballast to have gone 250 miles farther, he declared. The pilot's car was just large enough to hold one man and carried him standing.

## LIGHT CELLS AS POLICEMEN.

As a substitute for the usual system of stop-and-go lights to regulate automobile traffic, an attache of the bureau of standards has developed a means whereby the cars themselves actuate the signals to elim inate unnecessary delays and clear they road which is open to traffic at the propertime. An essential unit of the installation' is a light-sensitive cell in the center of the street, not far from the intersection, and' exposed to rays from a spotlight shining directly opposite to it. An automobile passing between the cell and the spotlight, and thereby interrupting the rays, would cause the cell to operate a relay controlling the traffic signal. For instance, a car approaching the sign would set the stop signal, halting traffic on the intersecting highway. The sign remains on for a few seconds to allow the following cars to pass, to long as they intercept the light beam/on the sensitive cell in time to prevent/the signal from changing against them. An advantage claimed for the system is that no one street is favored over another but both are controlled according d the actual demands of the traffic.



Drawing to Illustrate Operation of the "Light Cell Policemen" at Intersections; Cars Interrupt Beams from Bercons to Actuate the Signal

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Government Food Tasters Putting On an Ice-Cream Eating Contest, and Getting Paid for It; Their Jobs Require Acute Development of the Senses, and Few Can Qualify

### How Uncle Sam's Food Testers Help You

#### Glass Stomachs and Rats Also Are Used to Determine Nutrition Value of Different Table Products

By C. MORAN

UNCLE Sam now has a staff of official food tasters at Washington whose job it is to determine the palatability of foods cooked in the experimental kitchens of the department of agriculture. Glass stomachs are used to determine digestibility of foods and rats to demonstrate body-building factors, but only the human palate can determine palatability, which is regarded now by the government scientists as of high importance in food-value determination.

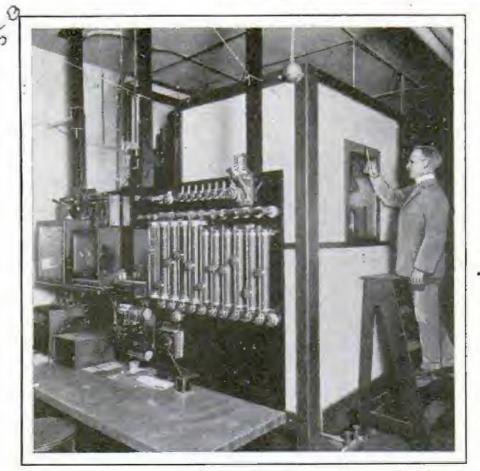
Food tasters are department officials who score the food for taste, tenderness, flavor and other palatability factors. Ice-cream tests were made recently in which the officials were required to eat their fill of ice creams made in different ways. There was a decided preference for rich, sweet and firm ice cream.

Another tasting experiment recently was

of 100 legs of lamb from animals commonly bred in the western range states. These animals had been produced at the government sheep-experiment station at Dubois. Idaho; they were fattened at Purdue university, and slaughtered at the government experiment farm at Beltsville, Md.

Twenty-five legs from each of four different breeds were cooked in the department's experimental kitchens, in lots of eight, in temperature-controlled ovens. Five judges scored the cooked meat, the tests resulting in specific recommendations as to better production methods to satisfy consumer demands, and in a standard method of cooking lamb with a maximum of palatability and a minimum of labor and fuel consumption.

Department experts say there has been an unfortunate tendency among students



In This Air-Tight Chamber, the Body Heat and Energy Developed by Measured Amounts of Food Products Are Determined

of nutrition to underestimate the importance of palatability, individual preferences and family customs, but the question of how foods go together, from the standpoint of taste as well as from that of body building and health, must always be kept in mind. The human palate seeks variety of flavor and also differences of texture.

Many food customs have been formed in response to instinctive requirements of the body. In early days, people gathered wild herbs and greens of various kinds, but not until very recently was it known that these foods provide an important dietary principle necessary for health. The instinctive demands of the human body, in a less fertile and prosperous country, might have led finally to the custom of satisfying body needs by means of simple, palatable meals, but, as a matter of fact, it is not unusual for a meal to provide several starchy foods, several animal protein foods and several fat foods, which means waste of materials and labor.

The so-called "vegetable plate" has received much attention in the government food kitchens, where a "panning" method has been developed, consisting in cutting the vegetables into small pieces and cooking them in a flat pan on top of the stove with a minimum of water, to which a little fat has been added to prevent the vegetables from sticking to the pan. The water tends to evaporate and it is often unnecessary to pour any of it off.

Many new recipes and new cooking methods have been developed by the food tasters. They found in beef-tasting experiments that successful results in roasting beef are obtained by a preliminary searing at 250 degrees Centigrade, and then lowering the temperature to 125 degrees Centigrade for the remainder of the cooking period. The time of cooking may be shortened by cooking at 150 to 175 degrees, but

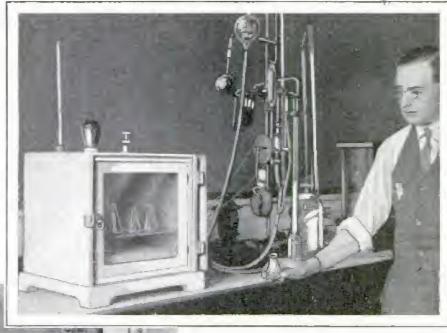
the evaporation and dripping losses increase and there is less uniformity of "doneness" as compared with meat cooked at the lower temperature.

The results of the food-tasting experiments are being related by the department to production and marketing problems. Food habits in this country have changed markedly in the last few years, consumption of wheat and meats having decreased with a corresponding increase in consumption of fruits and vegetables. Department figures show that the consumption of the latter commodities in New York city alone has increased more than twenty per cent in the last five years, whereas the city's population increased less than four per cent during the same period.

An official tea taster for many years has been employed by the department. His job is to brew tea from samples taken from imports. This official now is making a series of experiments to determine whether the flavor of tea is affected by the type of containers in which it is packed. The department also has a corps of butter tasters who inspect and grade creamery products.

The palatability tests are a part of the

department's recent activities to determine consumer preferences for different food products and grades of foods. Nationwide surveys have been made of the consumer demand for milk, meats, fruits and vegetables, the latest survey dealing with prunes. The investigators interviewed housewives in scores of cities and learned, among other things, that housewives





At the Top Is a Glass "Stomach," in Which Government Chemists Test the Digestibility of Foods, and at the Left, Below, the Ice-Cream Plant

do not know there is more than one kind of prune. The survey dealt with the socalled Italian prune, which is a sour product grown in the northwest.

The department's survey of meat consumption revealed that housewives know only two or three cuts of meats, whereas an animal carcass provides a dozen or more.

#### SPEED GROWTH OF MUSHROOMS WITH ARTIFICIAL "STORMS"

"Synthetic" electrical storms are produced in Pennsylvania cellars to speed the development of mushrooms. The disturbance creates ozone in the air which is favorable to the rapid maturity of the growths. A public-service company recently found that there are 8.400 uses to

which electric current has been put. It is employed to operate delicate measuring instruments at the government aeronautical testing laboratories, in Virginia; it is harnessed to churn butter which is unchurned again by electricity to make cream; orchardists and gardeners are using it to lure insect pests which are trapped in pans of oil under electric lights; beauty experts run reducing machines with it and the dentist makes use of it to run his drills.

## GAS FURNACE FOR HOME

The many advantages of gas for heating purposes long have been recognized and, to utilize it still further, a special furnace has been devised. Burners are of the Bunsen type and air, heated to a high degree, passes through large steel chambers on each side of the combustion area to extract every usable degree of heat from the gas consumed. A horizontal-

flue at the topleads into the chimney. An additional feature is thermostatic control to regulate the flow of gas and maintain a more even temperature.

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To Protect the Foundryman from Burns; Pouring Ladle with Sliding Wooden Handle

#### SLIDING-GRIP FOUNDRY LADLE GUARDS HANDS FROM HEAT

Equipped with a sliding wooden grip, a ladle used for skimming the slack from molten iron in foundries, enables the user to avoid discomfort and possible burns by having the hand too close to the metal. The handle is quickly adjusted to any position and permits obtaining a firm hold.

BULLETS LEAVE TRACK OF FIRE

With bullets that leave a glowing mark to indicate their path, successful machinegun practice has been conducted by army units. The tracers showed the rebound as well as the path to the target, as illustrated in the accompanying photograph.

### OIL WELLS TAMED BY CEMENT APPLIED BY NOVEL PROCESS

Back of the vast oil industry lies an interesting story of a young man's victory over one of the most perplexing problems of well construction, the task of properly reinforcing the deep holes to support the casing and keep out water. Credit for one of the most effective ways of doing this is given to Erle Palmer Halliburton, who, in the last seven years, has patented many devices to simplify and improve engineering methods in the oil fields and who has treated 12,000 wells without a single failure. The feature of Halliburton's scheme is that he virtually makes the oil well "cure" itself. How to introduce cement between the earth walls of the well and the casing—a string of pipe from a quarter to a mile in length, often times presenting obstacles forbidding the mere pouring of the material between the sides-was his problem. He devised two wooden plugs. One was forced into the casing and cement "slush" pumped on top of it. As the weight increased, the plug slid down inside the pipe and finally fell into the "dead



Night Photograph of Target Practice with Glowing Bullets; Course of Projectiles to the Mark Is Plainly Indicated and One Bullet Registered as It Glanced Away from the Surface

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the bottom of the casing was reached. This allowed the cement to pour in upon the oil sand, which has the peculiar characteristic of resisting any such intrusion, forcing the foreign material upward between the casing and the walls of the earth. The rising mass of cement, carried ahead of it the mud and water accumulated between the pipe and the earth. To introduce the necessary quantity of cement quickly, Halliburton invented a combination pump and cement mixer mounted on a four wheel-drive truck that could be taken anywhere about the oil fields, in all sorts of weather. A mechanical measuring device was

also adapted to determine, to a fraction of an inch, the exact quantity of cement that had been forced between the casing and the earth.

## SAVES GARAGE SPACE 3/02

Several desirable features are claimed for an electrically operated elevator for repairing or servicing autos. It requires no special foundation and raises the car vertically, saving space. It may be stopped at any height desired, suspends the auto

at four points and lifts it by the axles, leaving the wheels free. The hoist has a capacity of 6,000 pounds, and may be raised to a height of four feet or lowered to seven and one-half inches. Controls prevent accidental dropping of the load.



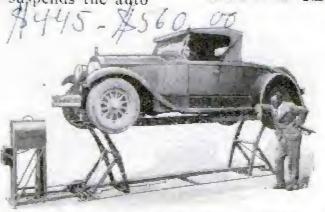
## SMALL BOAT RUN BY WINDMILL BUILT TO CROSS ATLANTIC

To cross the Atlantic in fifty days, or less, is the object of two English adventurers who propose to make the journey in a twelve-foot boat without steam, sails or oars. Propulsion will be afforded by a windmill geared to a propeller and the wheel is 20 be turned by the wind.

# AROUND CEMENT PLANT 326

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One of the sights in the suburbs of Victoria, B. C., is a Timestone quarry changed into a lawn with shrubs and rock gardens. As an example of land-scape architecture, it well illustrates the possibilities of decorating commercial-plant grounds.



Car on the Vertical Hoist Showing How It Stands in Convenient Position for Repairs

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Nicknamed the "Flying Pencil" Because of Its Unusual Streamlined Appearance, a New Light Plane Produced in England

## MIDGET HIGH-SPEED AIRPLANE HAS EIGHTY-HORSE MOTOR

A plane with an engine of only eighty horsepower, yet capable of making 175 miles an hour, was given its first trial in the recent King's cup races in England. Designed by Maj. DeHavilland, whose ships were standard equipment in the U. S. army and air-mail service for some years after the war, it is a low-wing monoplane, the wing being placed below the body instead of above it, as is the more common practice. Built to carry a single passenger, its appearance is unusual

because of the way Sin which the streamlining of the body has been carried out, even the projecting head of the pilot being streamlined through a projection tapering back to the tail. Because of this design, the little craft is thirty to forty miles an hour faster than the British army's single-seat fighting planes, which have 400-horsepower engines. Its performance emphasizes the fact that much of the excess power of big engines for planes is utilized in carrying their own weight.

## SAWDUST-CEMENT MIXTURE MAKES LIGHT LUMBER

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Chemically treated sawdust and cement are mixed together to form a material which is said to weigh about half as much as ordinary concrete, has a better wearing surface, high fire-resistance and insulation properties and can be sawed, nailed or screwed, and painted or polished like wood. It

is being successfully employed in precast units for many purposes, and numerous tests have showed that it has great strength and durability in this form.

SPEED BOAT MADE OF RUBBER
WON'T GET WATER-LOGGED

Successful tests are reported with an all-rubber speed boat, the hull of which is constructed of the recently introduced "rubber lumber," devised especially for airplane use. This material consists of thin sheets of hard rubber with a central core of sponge rubber. A fabric or metal

covering may be added if desired." The boat was lined on the outside with a soft-rubber cushion, fastened to the '. hull by a special 😽 process, to make it water-proof and resistant to shocks. Since the craft cannot become waterlogged, it has the advantage of greater speed over boats of similar size, type and power.



Rubber Speed Boat Carries Four Persons with Ease and Does Net Lose Its Budyancy

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## Radio Cabinet Table Built for Less Than Five Dollars

By GABRIEL J. ISSAKOFF

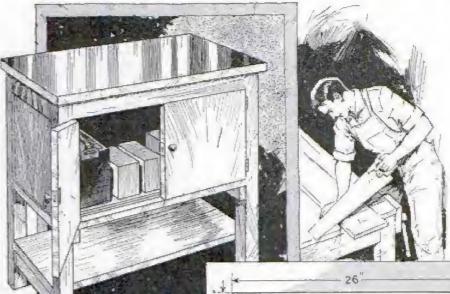
A SUBSTANTIAL radio table, which can be built for about \$4.50, solves the problem of disposing of unsightly batteries

Any wood may be used; in this case white pine was employed and contributed to the low cost. Birch, poplar or hard-

wood, although more expensive, takes a better finish; whichever selected, the stock should be thoroughly seasoned, clear and straightgrained. The rough sizes of the material required may be obtained from the local mill or the lumber dealer.

Mark the various pieces to indicate their positions. Select the best surfaces

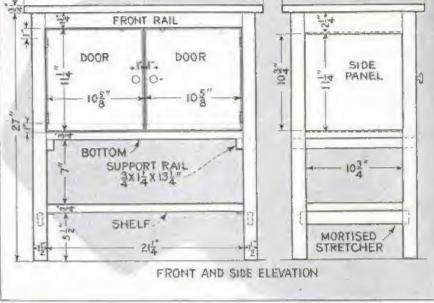
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Above, Completed Cabinet Table with Batteries in Position; Right, Front and Side Elevations

and provides an excellent support for the set. It is designed along plain lines, and the builder can use his own ingenuity in decorating and finishing, the usual stains and varnishes being suitable, or any of the popular col-

ored lacquers and transfer designs. Very few tools are necessary, and the dimensions given may be varied to suit individual requirements without change in the general construction. The table illustrated is 27 in, high, with a top measuring 15½ by 26 in., which size will accommodate the average receiving set and batteries. The lower shelf provides space for books and magazines, but may be omitted and a stretcher or scroll design substituted if desired.

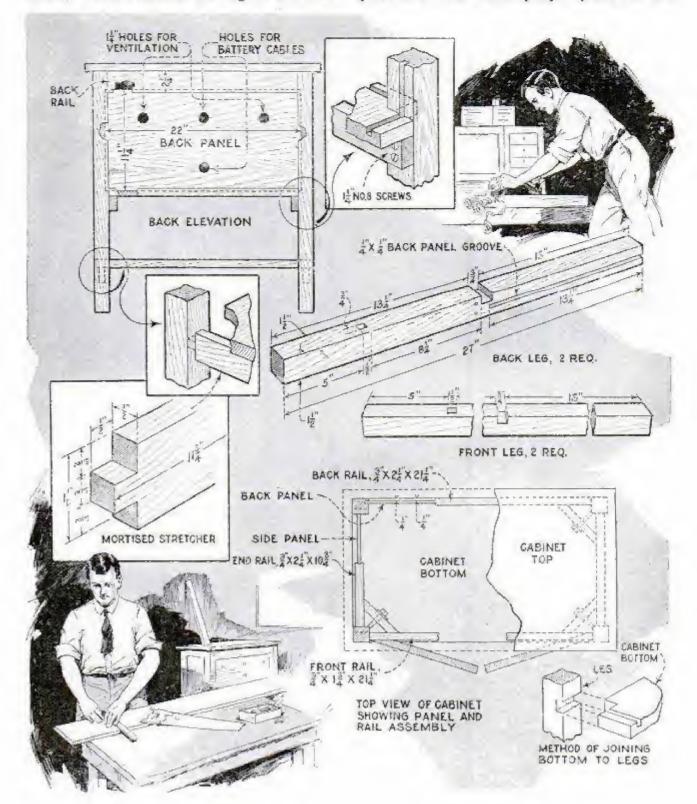


for the faces, mark each to avoid mistakes, and lay out the work from these sides only. Pieces like the stretchers and legs, shown on page 1002, should be finished at the same time. Lay them out, clamping them together for similar details, like notches and mortises. Make the two stretchers first, laying out the tenons and cutting them with saw or chisel; the legs are next, planing them true to size, laying all faces together, with ends even, and clamping them securely.

Mark the length and width for the blind mortises to fit the tenons on the ends of the stretchers and also the notches to receive the bottom board for the cabinet. The two back legs have grooves, 1/4 by 1/4 in., to take the back panel. The shelf and corner-block details are shown on page 1003. To bore the holes for the screws in the corner blocks, use a drill a trifle larger than the smooth shank of the screws. The holes in the legs are drilled

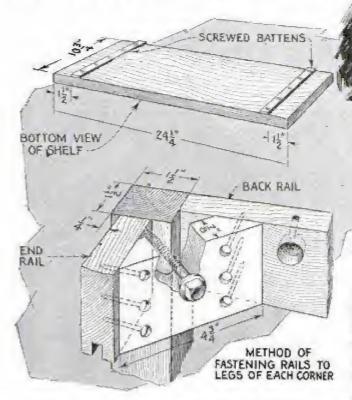
smaller than the threaded part of the screw; use washers, and soap the screw threads before inserting. To fasten the cabinet top to the rails, bore several holes on the inside of the rails, as shown in the sketch at upper right. These holes are located an inch or so from the top and slant down for the screws.

To put on the top, lay it face down on the bench, as shown in the same sketch, place the rails in the proper position, and



screw them to the underside of the top. Do not overlook the two supporting rails under the cabinet bottom, as they help to brace the legs and add strength to the cabinet bottom.

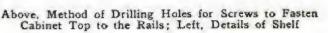
The two doors, 105% by 111/4 in., shown in the front elevation on page 1001, may be ornamented by grooves or carved de-



Inexpensive "carved" signs if desired. designs, made of pressed wood, for the doors may be obtained from your local cabinetmaker and glued in the center of the doors, or if the lacquer finish is used, suitable transfer designs are very effective. Ventilation holes and battery cable out-

lets, shown at the upper left on page 1002, are drilled in the back panel of the completed assembly. The entire surface should then be well sanded. For those who prefer the wood stain, the directions given in the May, 1927, issue of Popular Mechanies Magazine. on page 842, can be followed with good

effect. If a dark or red-mahogany finish is desired, use a good penetrating oil stain



of the color selected, and let it dry at least 24 hours, then sand the surface. It is best to try out the stain on a piece of wood of the same kind as the cabinet first, as some stains change their color on different woods. Use mahogany glaze color for the next coat, and let it dry Finish with fine sandpaper overnight. or rottenstone, and apply a number of coats of any good standard varnish, sandpapering each coat after it has thoroughly dried. For a dull effect, rub down the last coat with rottenstone, wipe carefully and apply furniture polish.

#### MATERIAL LIST

1 piece, 7% by 15¼ by 78 in. 5 pieces, 1¼ by 1¾ by 27 in. 1 piece, 3% by 2¼ by 20 in. (hardwood, for cor-

1 piece, 36 by ner blocks).

I piece of sheathing hoard, for rails. (When dressed on two sides it should measure ¾ by 2½ hy 66 in., and one edge should be grooved ½ or 5.16 in. deep and ½ in. wide to take the panels.)

1 piece, three-ply, 1/4-in. stock, 221/3 by 211/2 for panels.

1 piece, ¾ by 11¼ by 22 in., for doors.
3 doz. 1¼-in. No. 8 flat-head wood screws.
4 ¼-in. square-head lag screws, 2½ in. long,

with four washers.

2 small round head door knobs with screws.
4 1-in, brass or steel door hinges with screws.
2 door catches with plates.

## Rate of Drop in Idle Batteries

Both dry and wet batteries will run down when permitted to remain idle. The rate of discharge is about one-third that of the discharge when in active use. B-batteries are now stamped with a date limit, like films, to

guarantee fresh stock, and the buyer should look for this date to protect himself.



## New Battery Charger Is Dry

A new battery charger using no vibrating parts or liquid is now available, the current being rectified through an electrochemical process. With this type of charger, no hazard to rugs or woodwork is possible, as there is no acid to spill. The charger is so designed that the tubes are safe even if turned on when the Only 23/4 in. charger is in operation. wide, 534 in. long and 434 in. high, the charger fits into the battery compartment of the usual console. The rectifying element, shown in capsule form, is held in spring clips like a cartridge fuse and The rectifying can be easily replaced. unit is guaranteed by the manufacturer for 750 hours of full-load operation, or approximately one year's service, while the transformer will last indefinitely. The charging rate is two amperes.

## Testing Transformers and Condensers

Audio transformers and condensers can be most accurately tested with a voltmeter; the use of headphones for transformer testing often leads to false impressions owing to the inductance between two parts of a broken coil. Connecting the voltmeter in series with a transformer winding and a B-battery, the reading will be lower than the battery voltage because of the resistance of the winding. If there is a break in the coil, no reading will be obtained. The primary and secondary windings of a transformer which is not marked at the terminals can be determined by means of the voltmeter and battery. The secondary winding will cause a greater voltage drop than the primary, due to its greater resistance. To determine the amount of charge a condenser is capable of holding, connect the condenser directly across a battery to charge the plates, remove the battery connections and connect the voltmeter across the condenser. The degree of the needle's deflection, which will immediately drop back to zero as the charge is dissipated, indicates the comparative charge-retaining capacity of the condenser. To test a condenser for a short circuit, connect the voltmeter in series with the battery and condenser terminals: a sustained deflection of the needle indicates a shorted condenser. If the condenser is efficient, the needle will swing over and return to zero immediately.

## Broadcasting Time Card

Time and trouble are saved by condensing the usual radio programs on the time card shown in the illustration. A piece

	RADIO	PROGRAM
1:00	WGN	7:00
1:15		7:15 WHT
1:30	WMAQ	7:30
1:45	WQJ	7:45
2:00	KYW	8:00 WGN
2:15		8:15
2:30	WGN	8:30
2:45		8:45
3:00		9:00 WMAC
3:15		9:15
3:30		9:30 WQJ
3:45		9:45
4:00	MIJD	10:00
4:15		10:15
4:30	WGN	10:30 CNRC
4:45		10:45
5:00		11:00 KF1
5:15	WMAQ	11:15
5:30		11:30
5:45	and the	11:45 WSB
6:00	WLS	12:00
6:15		12:15 WLW
6:30		12:30
6:45		12:45 WDAF

of cardboard. about the size of a postal card, is ruled as shown and the time divided into fifteen - minute intervals from 1:00 p. m. to 12:45 a. m. The features you wish to listen to are selected from the newspaper programs and the call letters entered on the card opposite

the time given. The dial settings may be substituted for the call letters if desired.

## Loop Set Built In for Cabinet Speaker

## Power Amplification, Simplicity of Control, Splendid Tone and Volume Make This Set Ideal for the Music Lover

By FRANK L. BRITTIN

FXAMINATION of one of the new exponential horns, housed in a console cabinet, suggested the installation shown in the photo below. There is ample room in the cabinet for storage battery, charger and combination B-eliminator and power amplifier, and even with this, there is still sufficient space for a compact three-tube receiver. The same general arrangement may be adapted to a phonograph console if desired, or built up in separate units for

use with speakers of any type. In designing this set no attempt was made to obtain long-distance reception; it is simply a local broadcast receiver employing only high-class parts, and devoted to tone quality, selectivity and simplicity of control. Easily adjusted from a whisper to volume sufficient to fill a large auditorium if desired, this set is for the music lover located near any of the large broad-

for power amplification and

B-elimination, and automatic relay switching over to trickle charger when the set is turned off, it is practically an electric receiver, and as it is operated on a standard three-tap loop, the receiver is very selective and comparatively free from static and local interference. cuit is very similar to the one described in the December, 1926, issue which has been very popular with our readers and is especially suitable for this type of instal-

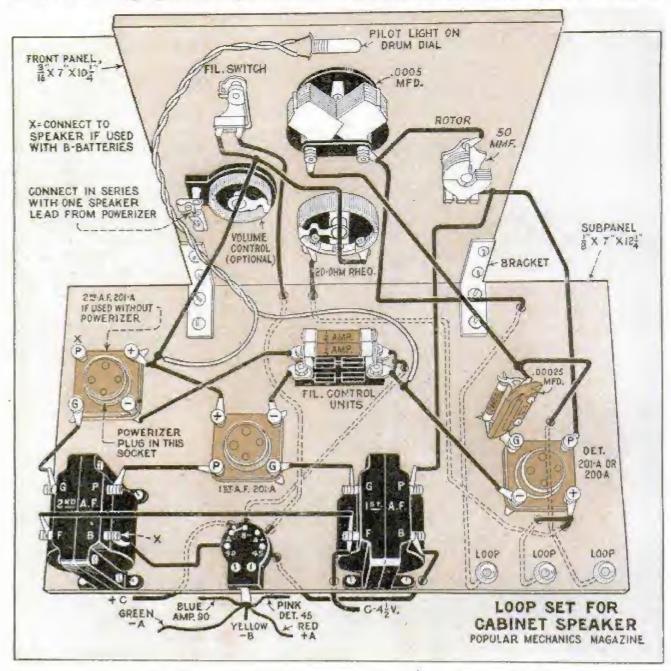
> The detailed wiring dialation. gram and several photos show the extremely simple arrangement of the various instruments on the panel and subpanel. The wiring should be run as nearly as possible like that shown in

the diagram. The dotted lines indicate flexible leads that are run below the subpanel, and which are taken directly from point to point in the actual wiring. The



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sockets are of the spring-suspended type, and this is especially important at the detector tube. High-grade heavy a.f. transinet, and provides ample room for all controls. Either drum or standard dial for the .0005-mfd, variable condenser may be



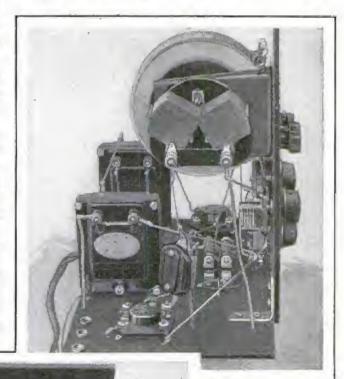
formers are used, the filaments of the amplifier tubes being controlled by automatic units. The set is complete in every way for use without powerizer, if desired, and with standard B-batteries.

The front panel is mounted on the subpanel by means of two angle brackets, and the entire set is supported inside the speaker cabinet on two black japanned shelf brackets, screwed to the underside of the subpanel. The front-panel assembly is very simple, and may be arranged to suit the builder. Assembling the instruments the long way of the panel makes a neat appearance at the side of the cabused; on the detailed wiring diagram the drum-dial mount was omitted, to simplify the layout. However, the mounting details are shown at the upper left on page The 50-mmf. midget condenser at the right is rotated by means of a small knob and, when once set, needs very little The volume-control dereadjustment. vice, shown at the left, is optional and consists of a special variable resistance. At this point it will be well to explain that if the set is to be used without the powerizer and with standard B-batteries, an open-circuit jack may be mounted in the position occupied by the volume control.

Extra leads run from the P-post marked X, on the second amplifier-tube socket, and the B-post marked X, on the second a.f. transformer. They are soldered to the jack terminals, and the speaker is plugged in at the front. If an inside connection from the speaker is desired, the leads may be taken to two extra binding posts which may be mounted at any convenient point at the rear of the subpanel. If the combination power amplifier and B-eliminator is used, no extra leads are required at the points marked X, as these connections are all automatically taken care of by the plug from the powerizer unit, which is plugged into the second a.f.-tube socket, and the loud-speaker connections are taken directly from the powerizer unit, as shown in the lower diagram on page 1008. In this case, note that one of the loud-speaker leads is cut

and the volumecontrol device
inserted in series. Rather
than cut the
speaker lead,
which is difficult to connect
if this is done,
use an extra
phone cord of
the singlephone type.
Metal tips are

provided on both ends, and the extension may be made by means of extra double

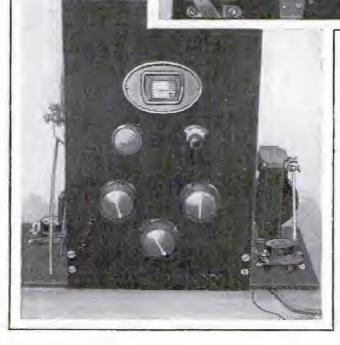


Above, Side View, Showing Location of the Detector Tube and Loop Jacks; Left, Rear View; Below, Front View of Panel

Fahnestock clips screwed to the inside of the cabinet at any convenient point. These clips are also used on the volume-control unit for quick

connection. The speaker lead from the powerizer through the volume control is run through to two holes drilled in the subpanel directly below the volume-control unit, not shown in the detailed wiring diagram.

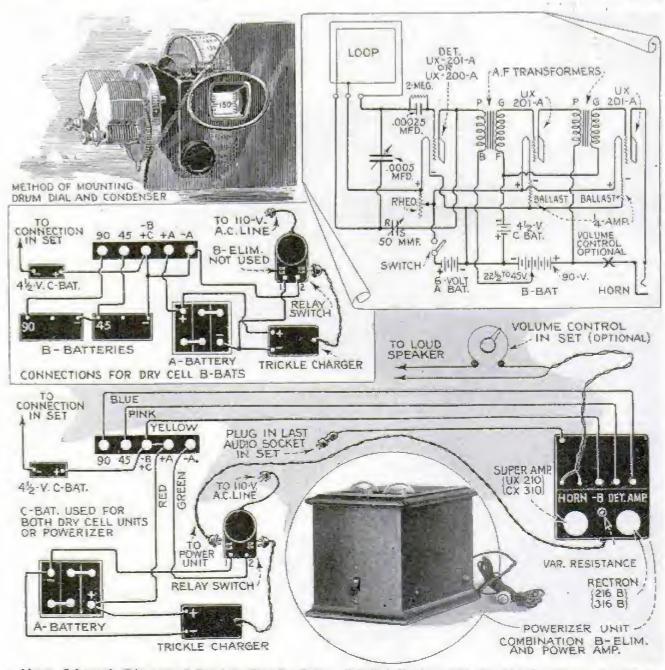
The B-battery cable terminates in a bakelite lug mounted at the rear edge of the subpanel; each terminal connection is identified by a color corresponding to the colored wire leads running to the various batteries. Note that the A-negative and B-negative terminals of the lug are connected, and that an extra lead is taken to the positive of the 4½-volt C-battery from the same negative connection. The



negative terminal of the 41/2-volt C-battery is connected to a flexible lead and taken to the two F-posts on the a.f. transformers; this is the only connection independent of the battery-cable lug. Individual binding posts may be used instead of the battery cable and lug; but the builder will find this device very convenient. Carefully note the three loop jacks at the rear of the subpanel in the detailed wiring diagram; the center loop jack must always be connected to the center lead from the loop, or the set will not work efficiently. The photos on page 1007 give the reader a clear idea of what the finished set looks like from various angles. lower photo of the front panel shows the

neat arrangement of the controls; this bakelite panel is finished in imitation walnut so as to match the cabinet as nearly as possible.

Mount the finished set on small wooden blocks and connect the A and B-batteries or powerizer for a thorough test before the instruments are finally placed in the cabinet. The detailed diagrams for making these connections are shown on this page; turn on the filament switch and place one tube of the 201-A type in each socket in the set successively to test the filament circuit. If the tube lights correctly in each socket, it is safe to proceed with the test. Then insert the tubes in the detector and first a.f. sockets and plug



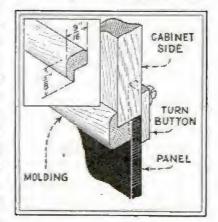
Above, Schematic Diagram of Receiver Circuit; Below, Detailed Hookup with Combination Power Amplifier and B-Eliminator, Automatic Switch and Trickle Charger, All Controlled by Filament Switch on Front Panel

the signal lead from the powerizer in the second a. f. socket, making sure the super-amplifier and rectifier tubes are in the sockets designated for them in the powerizer. If the lower hookup on page 1008 is used, plug the relay switch into the 110volt 60-cycle house-lighting supply, and turn on the switch at the front of the powerizer. The switch on the front panel of the receiver will then alone control the entire installation.

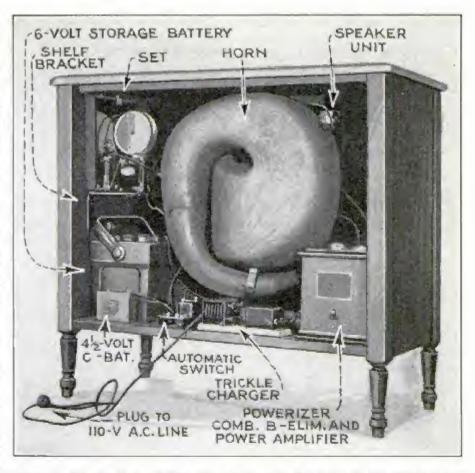
Now, with the loop leads plugged into the small jacks at the rear of the subpanel and the center lead in the center jack, rotate the large condenser dial slowly and adjust the detector-tube rheostat. The plates of the midget condenser

should be about half out for the initial test, and, as soon as a station is picked up, the large dial and the midget condenser should be adjusted for the loudest and clearest signal. Volume may then be controlled by the variable resistance as desired. For loudest signals, the edge of the loop should point directly toward the transmitting station. This directional effect of the loop is put to good use

in cutting out undesired stations and similar interference. The set is very selective, separating stations in Chicago when other larger and more expensive sets fail to do so.



After you have familiarized yourself with the operation of the set, disconnect the various apparatus and prepare the cabinet for the installation. The photo of the rear of the cabinet, with the back re-



View of Cabinet Speaker with Back Removed, Showing the Location of the Various Instruments

moved showing all apparatus in position, appears on this page; the large exponential-type horn is seen at the center with the apparatus grouped about it. photo shows everything in detail and requires little explanation. Plenty of room is available for the apparatus without The set is mounted on shelf crowding. brackets at the upper left, as viewed from the rear: the square hole in the side of the cabinet for the instrument panel must be carefully measured and cut so that the panel fits into it neatly. Walnut picture-frame molding is then mitered to fit the hole and glued and pinned in position. The detailed sectional sketch shows the method of fitting and framing the instrument panel. A small wooden turn button is screwed to the inside of the cabinet directly above the instrument panel to hold it in position and facilitate easy removal of the set. The back of the loudspeaker cabinet should be drillled with a number of holes to provide free air circulation, and the powerizer should be kept as far as possible away from the A-battery. The loop leads are held by insulated cleats along the inside of the cabinet at

top and brought out through slots, cut in the back cover at the upper rear, to the loop placed on top of the cabinet.

The finished installation is neat, efficient. and leaves little to be desired for the music lover who insists on real tone quality and is satisfied with the local broadcast and

chain-station programs in the large cities.

Large blueprints of the diagrams have been prepared and may be obtained from Popular Mechanics Radio department, 200 E. Ontario st., Chicago, Ill., for 25 cents to cover postage and packing. blueprint No. 124.

#### MATERIAL LIST

- I front panel, 3-16 by 7 by 101/4 in. (Exact size ontional.)
- I subpanel, 1/2 by 7 by 121/4 in. (Exact size optional,)
- 1 Remler condenser No. 649, .0005 mid. 1 Remler drum dial No. 110.
- 1 midget condenser, either 50 or 55 mml. (Ham-
- merlund or similar type.) 1 rheostat, 20-ohm, Frost, Yaxley, Electrad or
- similar type.

  1 Electrad Tonatrol (variable resistance).

  1 filament switch, Yaxley or similar type.

  2 Amperites or ballasts, ¼ amp. each, complete with mountings.
- 3 X-type tube sockets, Benjamin or similar springsuspended type.
- 1 grid condenser, .00025 mid., with gridleak clips.
- gridleak, 2 meg. 2 a.f. transformers, Ferranti, Amertran, Silver-Marshall, or similar heavy type.

  1 Jones Cabelug.

- 3 midget jacks and plugs, Carter or Yaxley. 2 small angle brackets. 2 6-in. shelf brackets.
- 22 round-head brass machine screws, 6-32, 1/2 in.
- long. round-head brass machine screws, 6-32, 1 in, long,
- doz. soldering lugs, long round hole type.
- 4 lengths of round tinned-copper busbar wire. 12 ft. rubber-covered hookup wire.
- 2 pieces 34-in, walnut picture-frame molding, 22 in, long,

#### SUGGESTED EQUIPMENT

- 2 UX 201-A, or similar type, tubes.
  1 C-battery, large size, 4½ volts.
  1 6-volt storage battery, 80 or 100-amp. type.
  1 Automatic relay switch, Yaxley No. 444, or
- similar type.
- trickle charger, Kuprox, Balkite, or similar type. Powerize 1 P-1, with tubes specified. 1 Newcombe-Hawley cabinet speaker No. 55.

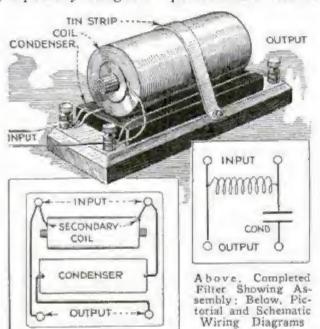
### Tone Filter Made from Ford Coil

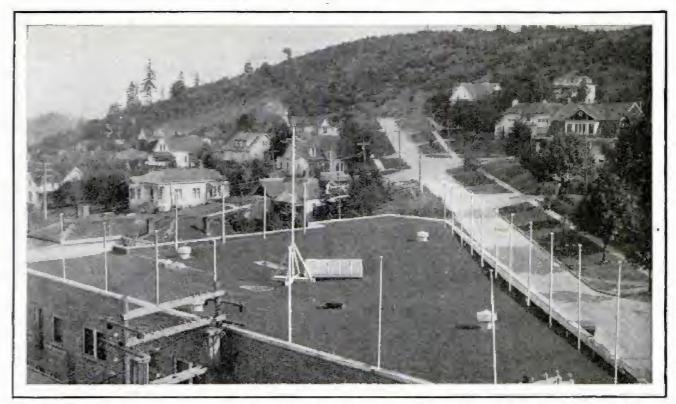
With the new power tubes, some device . is necessary to keep the high voltage out of the loud speaker, in order to prevent the speaker windings from burning out. A very efficient filter for this purpose can be made from an old Ford spark coil. This is cheap and does the same work as a more expensive filter especially designed

for the purpose. The spark coil is taken apart, care being used not to break the end leads of the secondary coil. The primary, or inside, leads are not used and are cut off. The iron core is left in place. A small wood or bakelite base, about 3 by 5 in., is made, and the condenser taken from the coil box is placed on this base. The coil is then put on top of

the condenser and held by a strip of brass or tin, as shown in the illustration. Holes are drilled at both ends of the base for binding posts, two on each side. filter, now complete, is connected as shown, only three wires being required; these should be soldered to the terminals and care should be taken that the condenser is in good condition and is not punctured or blown out. The entire filter

> may be placed inside the receiver cabinet or outside. The input is connected to the loudspeaker terminals on the set and the speaker to the output side of the filter. The secondary, or choke coil, as it now is, permits the d.c. of the battery to reach the plate of the amplifier tube while the condenser keeps it out of the speaker, thus protecting the windings.





Washington Apartment House Has a Neat Installation for 32 Aerials, Consisting of a Large Central Mast and a Number of Small Masts

### Aerials on Apartment House

Rather than have a maze of aerials criss-crossing each other and running in all directions, a neat installation of 32 aerials was devised for a Washington apartment house. It consists of one large mast erected in the center of the roof and 32 smaller ones at the edges, the aerials radiating from the central mast. The lead-in wires were, of course, attached to the aerials at the end near the short masts. This installation has the advantage of preventing the aerials from touching each other.—Carlton Groat, The Dalles, Oreg.

#### Trickle Charge from Full-Current Charger

The effect of a trickle charger for radio batteries is accomplished by connecting an ordinary charger of full current rating, such as the 2-amp, type, to a circuit containing a lamp that is in definite periodic use. This lamp should be one that is normally used a little while each day, so that the battery will be charging whenever the lamp is in use; for example the cellar light, used each day during attention to the furnace and other jobs. Experience has shown that this gives the battery almost enough charge to meet ordinary needs; at least it comes near enough

to doing this in the average household so that the battery requires a regular charge only at rare intervals. A little observation will enable the average set owner to select some lamp in the house that will greatly assist in keeping up the required charge. When putting this plan in operation, the charger is, of course, constantly connected to the storage battery.

## Small Electrically Driven Coil Winder

For the small manufacturer, the coil winder shown in the photo will be of con-



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siderable utility. It is driven by means of a small universal motor, which will operate either on a.c. or d.c., and from 2,000 to 3,000 coils can be made in a week by one

operator. Various sizes of wire can be used, and the turns are counted automatically. The speed can be varied by means of a foot-operated rheostat. The entire machine is made of bronze with steel shafts, and is portable.

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Efficient shielding and compact construction make the new model of the infradyne receiver, shown in the accompanying illustrations, of special interest. pletely inclosed copper box and the instruments are assembled in this box. The three-in-line condenser, three coils and three sockets, with each stage isolated by

shielding, make up this assembly. These units, with the necessary tubes, constitute two stages of r.f. amplification and detector. The three-in-line condenser employs three small balancing condensers, by means of which capacities introduced by the wiring and tubes may be compensated for at the time the amplifier is put into serv-Referring to the center photo, we find the infradyne amplifier mounted at the rear of the base; this is the same amplifier as that used during the past year and has been described in a





All units are supported on a pressed-steel base, heavily enameled in black and drilled to accommodate all mounting screws and wiring. The shaft from the left-hand drum dial extends into a comprevious issue, its ability to sharpen tuning and to build up volume without increasing background noises being well known to the home constructor. Back of the bronze panel carrying the instrument controls is a pressed-steel panel upon which are mounted the voltmeter, infradyne amplifier rheostat, two drum dials and the oscillator-tuning condenser. Behind the drum dials, and supported on the pressed-steel base, are the volume and sensitivity-control rheostats, connected respectively in the r.f. tube-filament circuit

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and, in series with a blocking condenser, between the positive-B and negative-A infradyne-amplifier leads. These rheostats are operated through extension shafts from the front control panel. The tube sockets, two a.f. transformers and output transformer complete the assembly. The lower photo of the completed set in the attractive sheet-copper cabinet shows the controls grouped at the center. The cabinet is finished in two-tone brown enamel, and is mounted on a decorative wooden base. All controls, except that for an an-

## Power Sets Require Full Line Voltage

tenna compensator, are mounted on an etched bronze panel, set off in red enamel, and the control knobs are of brown

While the radio fan, having a powered set, is usually correct in assuming that his line delivers 110 volts, a check with a good a.c. voltmeter will often show that the voltage is 100 volts or even less. The failure of some power units to give satisfactory results may often be traced to deficient line voltage. This is especially true in rural districts, where transmission lines are long and the voltage is not so carefully regulated as in the more thickly populated districts. 1326-

Handy Battery Tester

The handy battery tester shown in the photo is intended to be permanently connected across the storage battery terminals by means of two special clamps. When a reading is

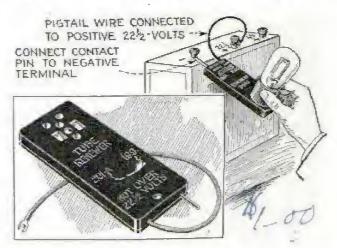
molded bakelite.



desired, a push button on the side of the voltmeter is pressed. The scale is divided into three sections, marked "Start Charging," "OK" and "Stop Charging," respectively. Battery tests are made when the set is turned off and when the charger is not in operation.

Tube Booster Works on B-Battery A tube rejuvenator of very low cost,

that will boost any type of tube on the batteries of the radio set has recently made



its appearance on the market. Tube renewal is thus made available to every owner, regardless of the type of lighting current in his district. The renewal of a 201-type tube takes less current from the batteries than the average set uses in one hour of operation, and the 199-types require a still smaller amount. This cheap and simple device adds many useful hours to the life of the tube.

## Cleaning Aerial Insulators

Soot accumulation on aerial insulators should be removed at least once a year if good continuous reception is to be expected. They may be cleaned with carbon tetrachloride. Also, the connections should be tightened and resoldered if necessary. The slack in the aerial and lead-in wire should be taken up, since the weight of the wire itself and the sway due to wind pressure will gradually loosen any aerial in time. These attentions may bring back stations you have not heard for some time.

## Following Specifications Important

Good results are seldom obtained by the set builder unless he follows exactly the specifications of the designer. The latter has usually tried all the possible combinations before he has approved a description for publication. Small changes in the set may seem practical, but they frequently interfere seriously with proper functioning at some other point.

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Loud Speaker Built in Globe Form

Different from the various types of loud speakers now on the market, the instru-



ment shown in the photo is a hollow globe with the reproducing unit inside. A map of the world is printed on the outside and it is covered with a transparent finish which can readily be

cleaned with a moist cloth. It is claimed that this speaker gives exceptionally good reproduction and good tone quality, besides its feature of utility.

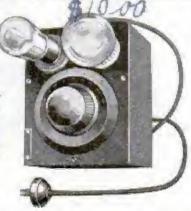
## Recharging Dry B-Batteries

It has been generally assumed that it is impossible to recharge dry batteries, and in the case of dry ignition or radio A-batteries, it is. But it has been found by recent experiments that any ordinary B-battery can be recharged as easily as the storage type. This should be welcome news for the many fans to whom replacing B-batteries represents one of the chief items of maintenance expense, particularly since the advent of power tubes with their heavy drain on the B-supply. To recharge a set of dry B-batteries, simply proceed as in the case of storage batteries. Many A-chargers are equipped with a tap for charging B-batteries and this can be used with good results. If such a means is not available, one of the simple electrolytic B-chargers can be rigged up in a few minutes; or, if something permanent is desired, a charger designed especially for use with dry batteries, now on the market, can be used. Only one or two First, keep ; precautions are necessary. the charging rate low, to prevent the bat- device is especially useful to service men liamp, is usually satisfactory, though, if no means of measurement is at hand, it will

be necessary to determine the correct rate by experiment, keeping in mind the size of the battery being recharged. Also, be sure that all batteries in a series are of the same size (capacity, not voltage). Otherwise, a charging current which would not damage a large heavy-duty battery would cause a small battery to become seriously overheated. Next, let the charging continue for some time-even several days. if the batteries are badly run down. A long-continued charge every few months will give better results than briefer charges at more frequent intervals. To check the progress of the charge it is, of course, not possible to take hydrometer readings as with storage batteries. Instead, voltmeter readings must be relied on, and these should be taken with the charging current turned off. If they are not, the voltage of the charging current, not of the battery, will be shown. It is not claimed, of course, that dry batteries can be recharged as often as those of the storage type. After several repetitions, the active material in the cells gradually becomes exhausted to the point where repeated charging is not practica-But from four or five to as many as a dozen times it can be done, with a saving that makes the small trouble and consumption of lighting current required, well worth while.

Oscillator for Testing and Calibrating

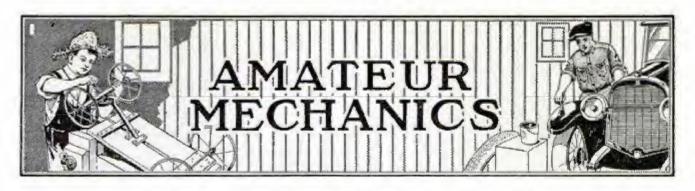
Signals at any wavelength from 200 to 575 meters can be radiated by means of



the simple oscillator shown in the accompanying photo, and these can be picked up by the average receiver at any distance not over 50 feet away. Such a

teries from heating, which will drive off for neutralizing and calibrating receivers. the active material and shorten their life. It is provided with a cord and plug, so A current as small as from 40 to 50 mil- that it can be connected into a light circuit. There is no buzzer, and no batteries are required for its operation.

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## An Electric Floor Scrubber

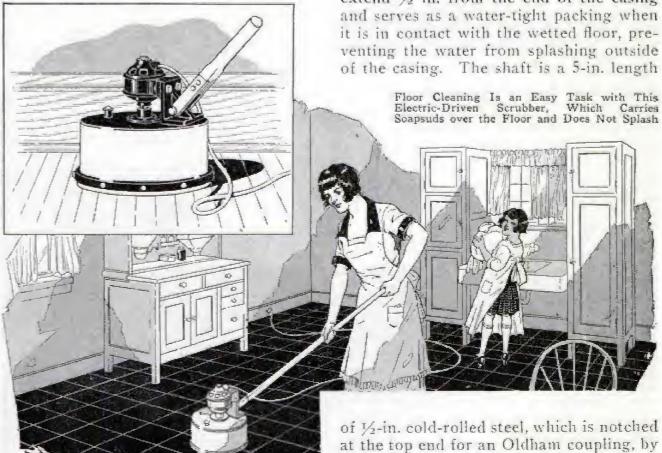
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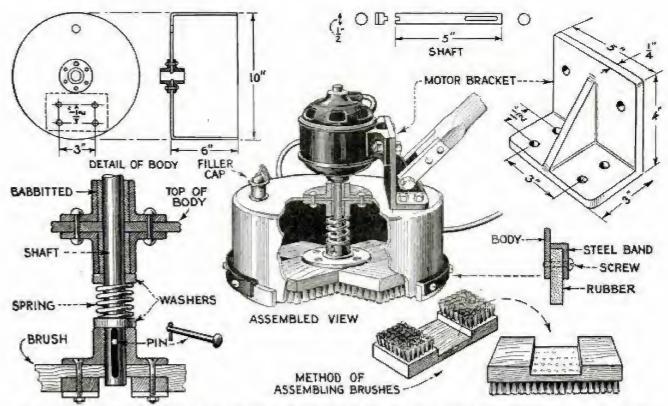
WHERE it is necessary to do quite a bit of scrubbing, the electric outfit shown in the drawing will be found to be a great convenience and labor saver. It consists essentially of a metal casing of cylindrical shape, inside of which a brush is arranged, while a motor is attached on top by means of a bracket, which also serves as a pivot support for the handle. The casing consists of a cast-iron sauce pan, about 10 in. in diameter and 6 in. high. The center is accurately scribed, a ½-in. hole drilled through it, and two 1-in.

pipe flanges are then riveted or bolted to the bottom, one on each side, and centered over the hole.

The inside of the flanges is babbitted to receive a length of ½-in. steel shaft, which must be at right angles to the surface of the flange. A rubber ring, ½ in. thick, is fastened all around the edge of the casing, as shown, being held in place securely by means of a steel strip, ½ by ¾ in. in dimensions, which is screwed to the casing, holes being drilled and tapped to receive the screws. The rubber ring should extend ½ in, from the end of the casing and serves as a water-tight packing when it is in contact with the wetted floor, preventing the water from splashing outside of the casing. The shaft is a 5-in. length

means of which the motor is connected. The bottom end of the shaft is slotted to





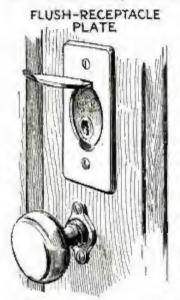
Constructional Details, Showing the Casing, Shaft, Scrubbing Brushes and Motor Bracket, and an Inside View of the Assembled Scrubber

permit attachment of the scrubbing brush. consists of two ordinary brushes, assembled as indicated, and a pipe flange screwed on top securely. The inside of the pipe flange is reamed out to make a sliding fit on the shaft, and a pin is driven through both flange and shaft to hold the brush to the shaft yet permit vertical movement. A coil spring and two washers are provided on the shaft, to keep a downward pressure on the brush, forcing it against the floor. However, this spring must not be so strong that it will tend to raise the casing from the floor. A heavy angle bracket, of the shape and size shown, is provided to hold the motor in position securely and furnish a support for the handle. It is bolted or riveted to the casing, so that the motor is located centrally over the shaft. end of the motor shaft is shaped to fit the notched upper end of the brush shaft. A filler cap is also provided, as indicated, through which a quart of hot soapsuds is poured for scrubbing. This will not leak out if the rubber facing is even and held tightly against the floor. The brush, revolving against the surface of the floor in the hot soapsuds, cleans it thoroughly. By moving the scrubber over the floor, the suds are carried along, and therefore very

little of the suds is required. The brush can be removed by merely taking out the cotter pin.

### Receptacle Plate Protects Door Lock

It is sometimes difficult to open locks of the pin-tumbler type if a few grains of sand have become lodged inside. This trouble is especially likely to occur in locks on summer cottages, where sand is blown about by the winds. An ordinary



flush-receptacle plate of the kind shown in the drawing, obtainable at any electrical store, will be found effective in keeping dirt out of the lock. Some types of locks will permit fastening the plate directly to door while other types necessitate the use of a block of wood through which a hole is

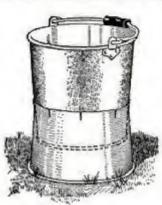
drilled to fit over the lock, and on which the plate is then screwed down.

## Reducing Christmas-Fire Hazard

Serious accidents caused by Christmastree fires could be avoided to a great extent if proper precautions were taken to render the ornamental decorations fireproof. Cotton wool, in the majority of cases, is used to give the appearance of a snow-covered floor and is also scattered over the tree. In its natural state it is a most dangerous and highly inflammable material, but with proper treatment it can be made reasonably safe for use. Make a solution of ½ lb. of alum to 2 qt. water, or any quantity of the same proportions. Hot water must be used to dissolve the alum; when the solution has cooled, soak the cotton wool in it and hang it up to dry thoroughly. When it is quite dry it must be pulled apart to renew its original appearance. The solution can be used for other decorations constructed of light ma-Tissue-paper ornaments can be made practically fireproof by a solution of 10 parts of ammonium sulphate, 4 parts of boracic acid, and approximately 3 parts of common borax, with 100 parts of water. Dip the paper in the solution and carefully dry it, to retain its original shape.

#### Clean Milk-Pail Bottom

To clean milk pails and utensils well is the endeavor of every good dairymaid,



but when the milking is done in the
feed lot or in the
pasture, the bottom of the pail
often becomes so
soiled that the
washing is a very
disagreeable task.
One farmer, however, eliminated
this trouble by

cutting the bottom half off a discarded feed pail and using the upper portion in an inverted position to hold the milk pail. The latter is gently forced into this holder and the two cling together so that they can be carried about without further attention. After the milking is finished and the pail is emptied, a slight blow against the side of the holder dislodges it.—G. E. Hendrickson, Argyle, Wis.



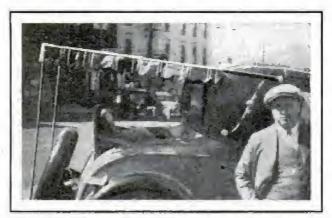
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#### Ornamental Dovecote

A highly artistic and attractive dovecote may be seen in the park grounds of the municipal zoo at Surabaya, Java, in the Dutch East Indies. It is beautiful in spite of the fact that it is constructed from the cheapest kind of materials, and its cost was practically nothing except the labor of the zoo keeper, who built it during his spare time. It consists of an old barrel having holes cut in it to permit the entrance of the birds, a wooden roof, a shelf and a pedestal. It is coated with cement and covered with pebbles and seashells. It would be a very simple matter to modify this form of construction for native wild birds in this country, swallows, wrens, bluebirds, martins and others, and it would make a good squirrel house for parks or private estates. Such a bird house is attractive and weather-resisting.

## Canopy for Rumble Seat in Car

A person riding in the rumble seat of a roadster has no protection against the weather, unless a portable canvas canopy



Homemade Canopy over Rumble Seat of Roadster Protects Occupant from Weather

of the kind shown in the photo is provided. This is a homemade affair and consists of a set of pipe and fittings, which is fastened to the car securely, the canopy being attached to it.

#### Windshield Warmer

A length of flexible metal tubing, led from the heater to the portion of the windshield just ahead of the steering wheel, will deflect the heat entering the car so that ice on the outside of the windshield will melt, and, with the aid of the automatic wiper, the glass in front of the driver can be kept clear, even during sleet and freezing rain. The tube can be permanently installed, as the deflection of the warm air does not make any appreciable difference in warming the car.

#### Automatic Valve Fills Water Pan

Most hot-air furnaces are equipped with a water pan for adding moisture to the dry, hot air. Usually it is necessary to refill this box every day as the water evaporates quite rapidly. To eliminate the



trouble of doing this, one home owner installed an ordinary float valve on the pan; as soon

as the water drops to a certain level the valve opens, and the pan is filled automatically. The float is attached to the valve on a rigid arm and closes the valve when the pan is nearly filled.—C. E. Weibezahl, Syracuse, N. Y.

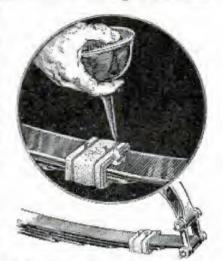
## Corks in Mucilage Bottles

Ordinary corks, in glue or mucilage bottles, stick badly after being removed a few times, so that the user does not put the cork in securely, with the result that the mucilage soon dries out. The trouble can be avoided by dipping the cork in fresh paraffin or tallow before replacing it in the bottle. If neither of the above substances can be obtained, rub the cork with vaseline, which will have the same effect, but is more easily rubbed off than paraffin or tallow, and is also objectionable because it is greasy. This kink will save many a bottle of mucilage.

## Oiling the Auto Springs

When the oiling of the auto springs is neglected, squeaks and chirps soon develop, and the riding qualities of the car suffer. Overoiling, on the other hand, brings conditions that are just as bad, and, in any event, the job of oiling the springs is an awkward one. The simple device shown in the illustration not only makes the task an easy one, but it feeds oil to the springs in just the right amount

to make them ride easily and to keep down the squeaks. It consists of a few turns of felt wound around the spring, near the end, as indicated, and fastened in place with wire ties. The

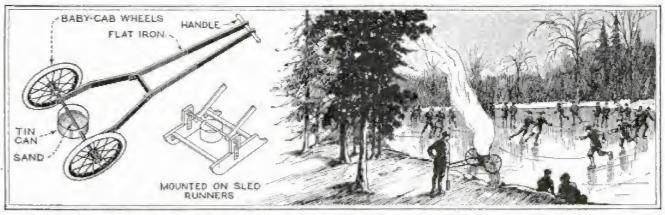


felt is soaked with oil once every two weeks or oftener, depending on the use of the car and the weather conditions.

¶A little fresh developer added occasionally to old developing solutions will bring them up in speed and intensity.

## Flaming Beacon for Night Skaters

This beacon will be found useful for skating or coasting parties, as it is easily moved about and will give light for a long runners can be used instead of wheels. These can be made of light material, 1½ in. thick, 4 or 5 in. wide and about 14 in. long. Drill holes for the ends of the axle 1 in. from the top and 2 in. ahead of the



You Can Have Much More Enjoyment from Skating or Coasting at Night, If You Provide Yourself with a Flaming Beacon to Give Light

time. When set on top of the coasting hill, it will cast its beams for miles. It consists of two wheels with a metal can mounted midway on the axle that supports them. The handle is fashioned from two lengths of flat iron with a rod or broom handle set through holes in the front end. If desired, only one length of flat iron of double length, bent sharply in the middle, can be used. Besides the rod, two wheels, such as can be salvaged from an old baby cab, are needed, together with the axle. Holes are punched through the side of the can just above the middle and the axle is run through them. After drilling the ends of the lengths of iron, fit them over the axle, drill the front end and insert the handle. If the holes at the rear end are a tight fit, the "pinch" on the handle at that point will hold it in place securely. Before starting out, fill the can with dry sand and pour over it some

kerosene to which a small amount of gasoline has been added. When it is lighted, the beacon will burn for several hours. When facing the wind, draw the light behind you and, if the wind comes from behind, push the light in front of you. If desired,

center, and the runners will ride rough spots with ease.—Dale R. Van Horn, Walton, Nebr.

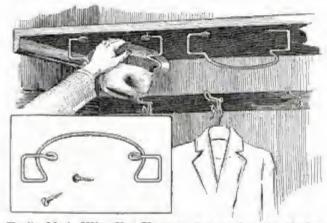
## Restoring Tone Quality of Violin

A novel method of quickly restoring the tone quality of a violin, which has become sluggish and impaired in this respect, due to long periods of disuse, consists in placing the instrument with its sound holes in close proximity to a radio loud speaker. It has been found that new violins can be "aged" in the same way.—Luke Mattera, Brooklyn, N. Y.

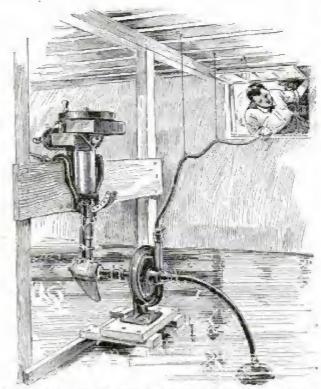
## Hat Hangers for the Closet Shelf

In closets where the space is limited a simple device can be used to keep hats in place and entirely out of the way. It is made of No. 10 galvanized-iron wire.

which is bent to the shape shown in the drawing, two "eyes" being provided at the ends, as indicated. The hanger is then fastened to the underside of a shelf with two wood screws through the eyes. A number of these hangers can be used in most closets.



Easily Made Wire Hat Hangers Attached to the Underside of a Closet Shelf



Outboard Motor Connected to a Small Rotary Pump Removes Water from Flooded Basement

## Outboard Motor Removes Water from Flooded Basement

Owing to the breakage of a water main, a resident of an eastern town found his basement flooded to a depth of nearly 2 ft., with no means of draining it after the main was repaired. He solved the problem by using his outboard motor and a small centrifugal pump borrowed from a near-by supply house. A heavy plank was spiked across the basement a short distance above the water level, and the motor was clamped to it solidly and in a vertical The propeller was removed position. from the driving shaft and the latter was fitted to a piece of pipe, about 1 ft. long. in which holes were drilled and tapped for two setscrews. The pulley was removed from the pump shaft and the pump was bolted to a heavy piece of timber, which was blocked up from the cellar floor until the pump shaft came in exact line with the propeller shaft on the motor. two were then clamped together with a pipe coupling. The blocking and the motor were thoroughly braced in all directions so that they could not work out of line by vibration. The intake hose was fitted with a bilge strainer which the houseowner had on hand, although any other strainer could be used for this purpose. The motor was started, and, when

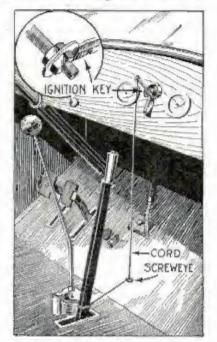
thoroughly warmed up, its speed was reduced to 300 r.p.m. so that the pump would work efficiently. The water intake of the motor was piped to the bottom of the cellar by means of a rubber hose so that the motor would be kept cool at all times. The discharge hose was led overhead by tying it to the beams with cord, and the water was discharged through a window where it flowed down a grade. The open window also carried off the gasoline fumes. This outfit did the work in a few days, with only three "rests" for slight adjustments of the engine.

#### Holes Punched in New Overshoes

When you buy a pair of galoshes or overshoes at a price lower than usual, and you find a hole punched in the back at the upper part, the article has some defect. By this method manufacturers of rubber goods, who make galoshes and other rubber footwear, inform their customers of the quality of the product. All such goods containing minor defects in manufacture are designated as "seconds" by the hole.—J. S. Hagans, Chicago, Ill.

## Instructing Beginners to Operate Autos

For use in instructing beginners to operate automobiles, the following idea is of much assistance and enables the instructor to acquire control of the car quickly and completely, as. for example, when the pupil becomes confused and steps on the



accelerator instead of the brake, as often happens. The drawing is self-explanatory, the ignition being automatically shut off, releasing unnecessary strain on the drive system and brakes, as soon as the emergency brake lever is pulled back.



F all the clippers built by that master shipbuilder, Donald McKay, the "Flying Cloud" was considered the most notable. According to Samuel E. Morrison, author of "The Maritime History of Massachusetts," McKay "built faster clippers and larger clippers; but for perfection and

beauty of design; weatherliness and consistent speed under every condition, neither he nor anyone else surpassed the 'Flying Cloud.' She was the fastest vessel on long voyages that ever sailed under the American flag." Her very name breathes the spirit of the golden age of sail, and her fame endures even in this age of steam and oil.

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SHIP-MODEL PRIZES

FEW hobbies enable the amateur to produce such beautiful work with so few tools and such inexpensive material as ship-model buildning. To encourage such a worth-while and pleasant pastime, Popular Mechanics Magazine offers the following awards for the best models of the "Flying Cloud" made from plans published in this and subsequent issues:

First, \$100 cash and gold medal. Second, \$50 cash and silver medal. Third, \$25 cash and bronze medal, Five awards, \$10 cash and bronze medal. Five awards, \$5 cash and bronze medal. Bronze medals also will be awarded for excellence in workmanship.

The contest is open to everyone, regardless of age or sex. The conditions are very simple, and full details will be supplied to every reader addressing the Editor, Amateur Mechanics department, Popular Mechanics Magazine, 200 E.

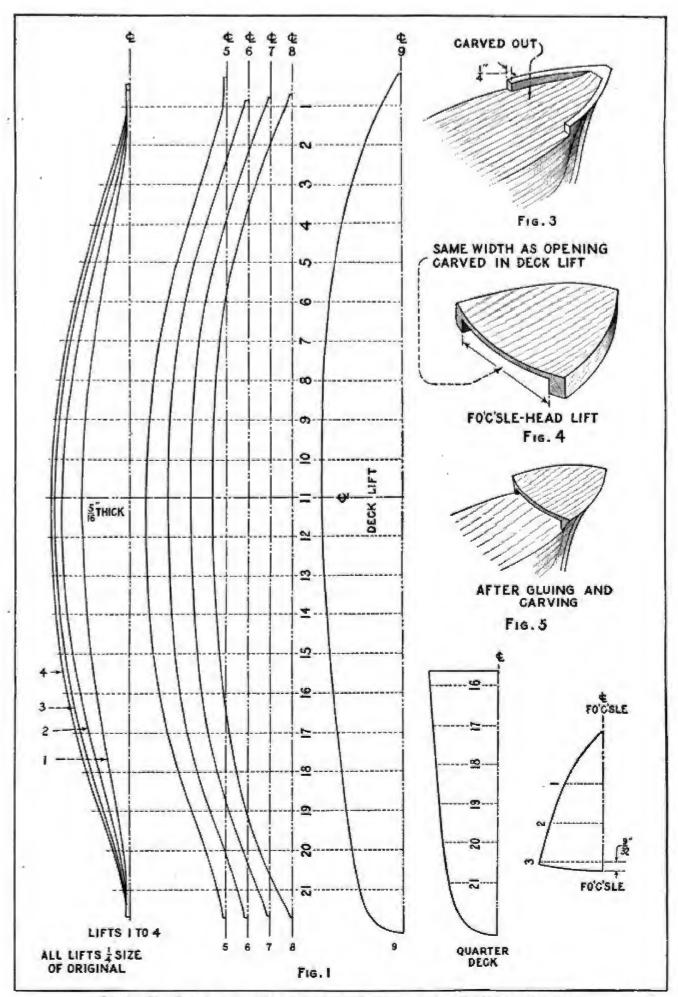
Minturn & Co. of New York, a sale that Train regretted for the rest of his life. Her dimensions were 229 ft. length on deck, 40 ft, 8 in. breadth and 21 ft. 6 in. depth; registered tonnage 1,783. Her commander was Capt. Josiah Perkins Cressy (pronounced Creecy), of Marble-

head, Mass.

On June 3, 1851, the "Flying Cloud" slipped out past the Hook on her maiden vovage. Before it ended, she had established a new record for the voyage to San Francisco, eightynine days, and this was only twice equaled; once by herself in 1854, and once by the "Andrew Jackson" in 1860. On this voyage she

made a day's run of 374 miles, and logged

Built for McKay's friend, Enoch Train, she was sold on the stocks to Grinnell, 1,256 miles in four consecutive days.



Quarter-Size Drawings for Making Hull, Deck, Quarterdeck and Fo'c'sle Templates

No other clipper, except, perhaps, the famous English "Cutty Sark," makes such an appeal to the imagination, and this was (8) 6 (7) Fig. 6. Assembly of Lifts; Fig. 7. Glued-Up Hull; Fig. 8. Carving Corners off Hull with Chisel; Fig 9. Testing Hull Contour with Body Mold

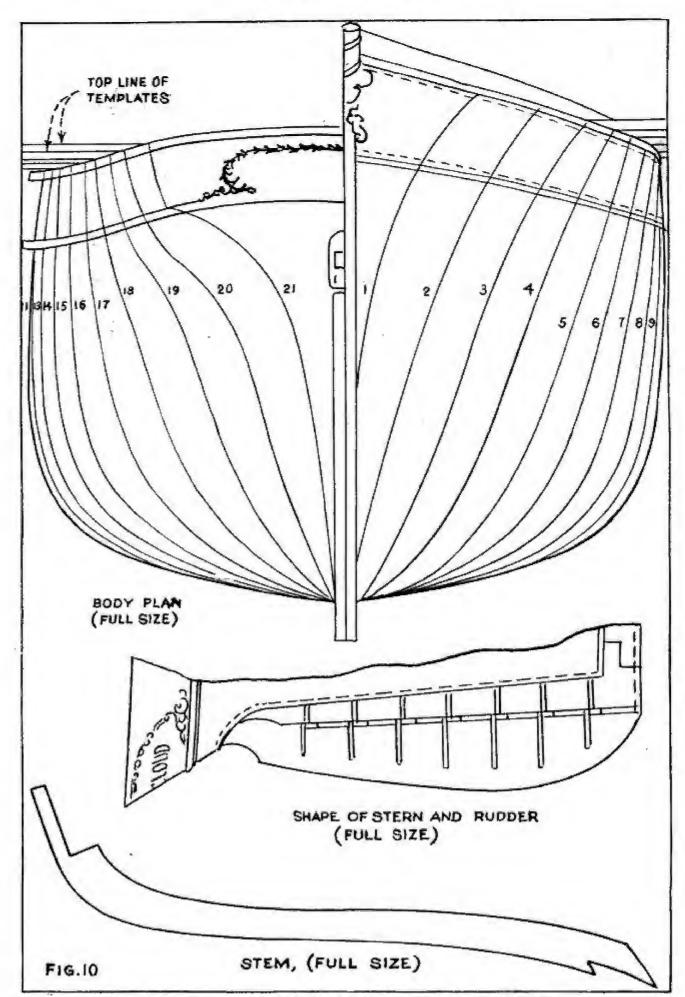
the reason "Flying Cloud" was selected as the subject of our model.

While there is a great deal more detail in a model of a clipper than in our previous model of Hudson's "Half Moon," the construction is not a bit more difficult. Owing to the character of the ship, the detail in the deck fittings, etc., is finer, and the smaller parts must be made with more care; this, however, does not demand more skill, but merely a little more patience. The method of building up and carving the hull is exactly the same as with the "Half Moon," with the exception that, as the lines are finer, body molds or templates are employed to insure that they will be correct.

Arrangements have been made with a well-known firm of ship-model supply makers to furnish a complete set of parts for building the model, in order to save the reader time and trouble in assembling



Marking Off One of the Lifts from the Wrapping-Paper Template



Full-Size Drawings for Making Body Molds, Stem and Stern Templates



them. These will include lifts cut to shape, wood for bulwarks, deck fittings, etc., rough blocks and deadeyes, anchors, bitts, capstans, etc. Full information about these sets will be furnished on request.

The first step in making the model is to lay out the templates for the lifts, or planks, that are glued together in "breadand-butter" fashion to form the rough hull. Get some sheets of stout brown wrapping paper, 30 in. long, and cut it into strips, 8 in. wide. Draw a line down the center of each strip and erect perpendiculars to this line all along its length, 1¼ in. apart. Number these from 1 to 21, as

in Fig. 1. The drawings for the lifts given therein are exactly one-fourth the size of the original, so, taking lift No. 8 as an example, measure with a pair of dividers the distance from the center line to the curved line representing the outer edge of the lift, along line No. 1, and step this distance off four times along line No. 1 on the wrapping paper. Do the same with lines Nos. 2, 3, and so on, until you have a series of points on the paper through which a smooth curve can be drawn, and which will look exactly the same as lift No. 8 in Fig. 1, but four times the size. Use a French curve in drawing

the line through the points marked, and make the curve "easy" from end to end. Now fold the wrapping paper exactly along the center line and cut through the doubled paper along the curved line. When cut and opened, you will have a template for lift No. 8 on which both sides will be exactly alike. Lay out the remaining templates in the same manner. plates 1 to 4 are shown with a common center line, to save space, and 5 to 9 are separated, to avoid confusion in measuring. Mark the exact position of line No. 11 on all templates, squaring a line right across the paper. The templates will be found to fold easily along the center line if the rounded point of a pair of scissors is drawn along the line before the paper is removed from the board for cutting.

The lines given are for lifts %6 in. thick. There are eight of these, and one deck lift 1%6 in. thick. It is practically as satisfactory to make the lower lifts 5/8 in. thick, and to cut only four of them, and, if this is done, templates need only be made for lifts Nos. 2, 4, 6 and 8. In some cases it may be easier to get lumber planed to Mg-in, thickness and in others M-in, lumber, so lines for both thicknesses are given here. Make templates for the quarterdeck and fo'c'sle (forecastle) in the same way as for the others. Mark all templates for bow and stern; in Fig. 1 the bow ends of all lifts are at the top of the page.

In order to simplify the construction, blueprints have been prepared giving the lines full size. These may be obtained, at 50 cents for the set of three, from the Amateur Mechanics department, Popular Mechanics Magazine, 200 E. Ontario st., Chicago.

The lumber used for the hull lifts is white pine, or sugar pine, 16 or 16 in. thick, well seasoned and free from knots. Eight pieces of the 16-in. size or four of the 16-in., will be required. 27 in. long, and one piece, 116 in. thick and 29 in. long, for the deck lift. Also a short piece of 1/2-in. pine, 9 in. long, for the quarter-deck, and one piece 1/2 by 4 by 5 in., for the fo'c'sle head. All pieces, except the last, are 6 in. wide. It is difficult to give an exact material list for a job of this kind, since so many of the smaller fittings are made from scraps. For example, the

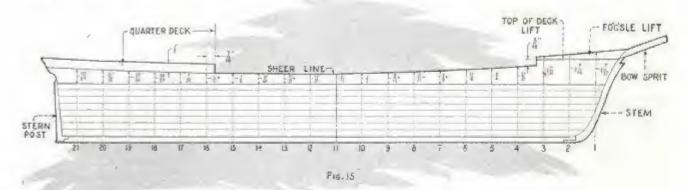
keel, stem, sternpost and rudder in the original model were ripped from a scrap piece of birch chair rail, and the bulwarks were cut out of the scrap left over from the deck lift.

The templates having been made, take No. 1, or No. 2, as the case may be, and pin it down on one of the boards, stretching it so that it lies flat, then run a pencil around the edge as in Fig. 2, to lay out the curves on the board. Transfer the center lines to the board also. Do the same with all lifts, then cut them out with a compass saw, fretsaw or frame saw, as convenient, cutting just outside the line. After sawing, clamp the lifts in the vise individually, and trim them down to the line with a spokeshave. Mark the bow and stern on all pieces, so that they do not become reversed when gluing; also mark the center line down the middle and at each end and line No. 11 square across each piece at the proper place. Line No. 11 is after this called station No. 11. All lines at right angles to the center of the lifts are stations. Cut a notch, % in. deep, 21/8 in. wide, out of the center of the forward edge of the quarterdeck, as in Fig. 16.

Lay lift No. 8 down on the bench with the center marks uppermost, coat this side, and the plain side of No. 7, with glue, set No. 7 on the lower one, lining it up in position by means of the center marks and with station 11 on No. 7 exactly over station 11 on No. 8. (See Fig. 6.) Drive in a couple of short brads to keep the lifts from shifting, and glue and set all the other lifts in the same fashion. You will have to work fast here. When the assembly is complete, clamp it firmly, so as to force all the lifts into good contact, and set aside for 24 hours to set. If desired, before gluing, the lifts can all be assembled and drilled for two 1/2-in. dowels, as indicated in Fig. 6. This makes it easier to assemble the lifts when gluing, but the dowels must be a trifle shorter than the combined height of the lifts, or they may interfere with the clamping. If large enough clamps are not at hand to take in all the lifts at once, the hull may be glued up in two or more sections. Now lay the deck lift flat on a board or on the bench, mark the position of each station on the edges, and with a pair of dividers, and measuring from the bottom edge of

the lift, lay off the sheer line from the measurements given in Fig. 15. The positive sign behind some of the figures indicates that the distance is "just a hair" more than the measurement given, and the negative sign behind others that the distance is a trifle (not quite 1/64 in.) less. In other words, one measurement is "full"; the other "scant." Lay off all

the edge of the fo'c'sle, on the forward end of the deck, and carve out between the marks as shown. Clamp the fo'c'sle lift in place temporarily on the deck lift, placing it according to the station lines, and mark the curve of the fo'c'sle deck from the dimensions given at stations 1, 2 and 3 in Fig. 15. Cut the deck down to this line, then carve out the underside to



these points, on both sides, from station 4 clear back to the stern, then draw the sheer line on both sides, through these points, continuing the curve forward from station 4 for a distance of 7% in.; at this point draw a vertical line from the sheer line to the upper edge of the lift, on each side, and connect the two by a pencil line drawn

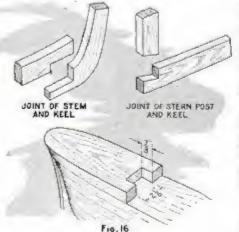
square across the lift. This represents the after edge of the fo'c'sle. A saw cut is made down this line to meet the sheer line, then the remainder of the lift is cut away, with chisel and drawknife, down to the sheer line. Leave the deck "crowned," or 1/8 in. higher along the center line than at the edges. Square and smooth the after end of the lift and glue on the quarterdeck, 1/2 in. in thickness. To make a good joint between the two, lay a sheet of sandpaper. abrasive side up, over the after end of the deck, place the quarterdeck over the sandpaper, and move it back and forth over the abrasive until the underside of the quarterdeck fits the deck perfectly. See that the station marks on the quarterdeck line up with the corresponding lines on the deck lift when gluing, as indicated in Fig. 15, above.

Mark, as in Fig. 3, a line 1/4 in. inside

the same size as the opening carved in the deck, leaving the fo'c'sle deck 1/8 in. thick, and glue the fo'c'sle head in place. When the glue has set, glue the deck lift to the remainder of the assembly. Crown quarterdeck and fo'c'sle deck 1/8 in., like the main deck.

Now make up a set of body templates or molds from the body plan, Fig.

10. The lines in this plan represent what each section of the hull would look like if it were sliced like a loaf of bread at each station line. The lines on the left represent sections of the hull as viewed from the stern; those on the right, sections as sliced and viewed from the bow. Trace each line separately on a piece of stout bristol board, or heavy cardboard, then cut out carefully along the curve, and leave enough of the cardboard to enable it to be handled easily, as shown in the photo, Fig. 9. Taking mold 1 as example, it is cut along the curved line, straight down the stem, down to the bottom of the keel, then across to the center of the keel, and cut off at this point. Note the molds in the photo, Fig. Number the molds as they are drawn and cut. Make a stem template from the full-size drawing in Fig. 10, also a template for the shape of the stern, inside



the sternpost, and one for the sternpost. Cut a temporary stem and sternpost out of 36-in, wood, and carve and file the stern and bow of the model until the stem



"Crowning" the Surface of the Fo'c'sle Deck; Note Improvised Cradle Holding Hull

and sternpost fit correctly, then cut a temporary keel from 36 by 1/4-in, wood and tack all in place. These pieces help a lot in carving the hull, and the reason for using temporary ones is that, in carving near the ends, it is almost impossible to avoid digging slightly into the stem and sternpost, so that if permanent pieces were fitted they would be badly marred. Mark the station points on the keel and stem, where station I runs through the latter, then fasten a block to the deck by means of a couple of screws, so that the hull can be held in the vise while carving, and you are ready for the next operation. When drilling the screw holes in the holding block, place these so that one screw will come 51/4 in. from the forward edge of the quarterdeck and the other the same distance aft of the edge of the fo'c'sle head, on the center line of the deck. In this position, the screw holes in the deck will afterward be covered by deck erections, so they will not have to be filled.

Now, starting at station 11, begin carving the hull down to the outline given by

mold 11. The corners of the lifts can be carved off with the chisel, but when the contour of the hull begins to approach that of the mold, it is well to supplement the chisel with a small spokeshave, set to take a very fine shaving. Always work one or two molds ahead of the station you are finishing; that is, when working on station 11, and carving toward the bow, carve stations 10 and 9 roughly to shape This helps to indicate the sweep of the curves in the hull. Also, be sure to keep the mold, when trying it against the hull, as in Fig. 9, exactly at right angles to the center line of the hull, not at right angles to the hull surface. Proceeding from the center station to the ends. carve each station point until the mold for that particular station fits exactly, and the curves of the hull, when viewed from any angle, as in Fig. 12, are "sweet" and true, showing no humps or hollows. Be particularly careful when carving at stem and stern. The bow on this ship has a pronounced flare or outward curve, and if the carver is not careful at this point, there is a tendency to destroy the true shape of the fo'c'sle deck. Also, at the stern, you will notice that mold 21 flares outward from the keel until it meets a molding; from there it runs up in an almost straight line to the deck. where the curve changes is called the "knuckle," and the way it looks when carved is shown in Fig. 13. From this knuckle to the deck, from a point about midway between stations 20 and 21 on one side, right around to the same point on the other side, this part of the hull is practically straight in the vertical plane, although the angle of the straight part changes rapidly as it approaches the stern, when it becomes as shown in the stern template, Fig. 10. The knuckle shows as a decided line all around the stern, following the line of the deck, and about 11/16 in. below it. "Fair up" all the curves in the hull with spokeshave and sandpaper, until they are sweet and sweeping when viewed from any angle. A mold is not shown for station 12, to avoid confusion in the drawing, but the change of section from 11 to 13 is slight, and the hull is easily carved by eye at this point.

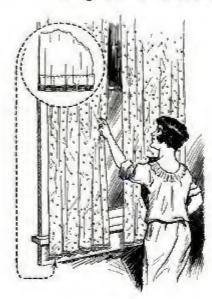
Now drill a Me-in, hole in the bow for the bowsprit, at the angle indicated by the top of the stem; drill this about 2 in. deep. Make a permanent stem, keel and sternpost from 16-in. birch or similar hardwood, glue and pin these in place and sandpaper them, but do not take too much off the sharp edges. Leave the rudder until later.

(To be continued)

## Bathing Diamonds to Check Yellow Tinge

A diamond expert claims to have discovered a method of checking the discoloration of diamonds during storage, the cost of the treatment being less than 5 cents per hundred stones. They are immersed in any solution of a blue tint, which is the complementary color of the natural yellow tinge of a diamond. The result of this immersion is that a thin film of blue coloring matter adheres to the stone and quenches the yellow light, making the gem look as if it were of the first water. When the gem is required for sale, all that is necessary to bring back the native color is to wash the stone in clean cold water and then dry it carefully, Diamonds that are slightly discolored after being worn for some time can also be improved by this treatment.

## Weights for Window Curtains



A strong breeze through an open window frequently causes damage to expensive curtains by whipping them about on the sills until they become badly soiled and perhaps frayed. One housewife has elim-

inated this trouble by providing weights to hold the curtains down. A small chain, sewn into the lower hem, allows the curtains to drape as usual but is heavy enough to prevent whipping about in a stiff wind.



Strap Attached to Coach Seat Prevents Occupant from Falling Out, if Door Is Opened Suddenly

## Leather Strap Adds Safety Feature to Coach-Type Auto

Leather straps placed on the front seat of a coach-type closed car are an advantage in holding the occupant in the seat if the door is suddenly opened. The drawing shows how the strap is arranged. If it is fitted with a buckle, it is possible to tilt the seat back for the most convenient position of the occupant. The strap should be of strong leather, and the ends held with washers and screws.

#### Lid for Electric Toaster Stove

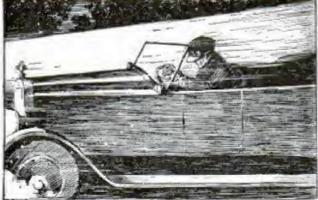
Electric toaster stoves of the kind shown in the photo have many kitchen uses, but the heat cannot easily be controlled. It is often necessary to keep the contents of a pan simmering and for these occasions I keep a large tea-can lid handy. Placing this

on the stove and the pan on the top of it, I find that it acts much like a stove lid over an open fire, giving just the right heat for a slow simmer.

—Nellie May Moore, Hamilton, Can.







Piece of Green Celluloid in Cap Makes Good Anti-Glare Shield for the Motorist

## Anti-Glare Cap for Motorists

Instead of having a separate pair of goggles to wear as a glare protector at night, the motorist will welcome the idea shown in the illustration, where the goggles are incorporated in the cap and, therefore, always at hand. Cut out a piece of the cap just above the visor and replace this with a piece of green celluloid. Of course, the cap must be large enough to permit this. The band of the cap is cut and a button and buttonhole are provided, as indicated. When the goggles are needed, simply loosen the button and pull the cap over the eyes so that you can see through the celluloid.-William C. Thomas, Chicago, Ill.

## Protecting Young Trees

During the fall and winter months, it is necessary to put protectors around young fruit trees. A very good protection can be made at almost no cost and with very little work, by getting a large Russian thistle, and placing it around the base of the young tree. With the use of a little twine the thistle will prove to be a superior all-purpose protection. It will keep the rabbits away and the body of the tree shaded, thus preventing the continual thawing and freezing which kills so many

young fruit trees throughout the central west every winter. If the Russian thistle does not grow wild in your section of the country, as it does in the west, you will find that it is very profitable to raise a few of them in your yard. They are real life-savers for young trees. Another advantage gained by using this protector is that, if it is not taken off from the tree in the spring, it makes an excellent mulch and prevents the ground from baking around the roots.

## Kink for Fishermen

Game fish usually bite best when the surface of the water is somewhat rough. However, under such conditions the anchor often drags. This is due, not so much to the direct force of the wind, as to the pitching or "bobbing" of the bow of the boat, giving intermittent but powerful jerks to the anchor rope and shifting the anchor along the bottom. This trouble can be prevented by connecting a 3 or 4-st. strip of rubber, cut from an old inner tube, between the boat and the end of the anchor rope.

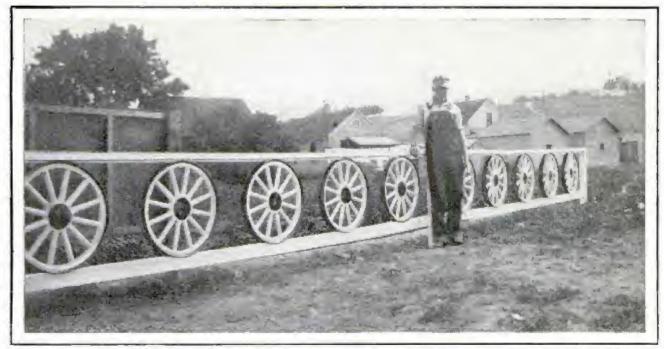
## Cleaning Out Toothpaste Tubes

Everything from toothpaste to stove polish seems to be handily put up in tubes. Quite often it is necessary to get all we can of the contents of a tube when we run short. To do this effectively, stick the end of the tube between the legs of a clothespin and turn it. The fingers can tightly



Using a Clothespin to Squeeze Out the Contents of a Toothpaste or Other Tube

when you get to the end, the contents of the tube will be entirely removed.



Omaha Garage Man Sets Up Useful and Novel Fence Consisting of Discarded Automobile Wheels, Painted White and Red, to Guard against Accidents at Ditch

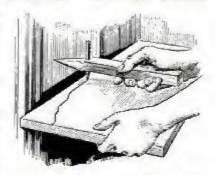
## Fence Made from Old Auto Wheels Guards Deep Ditch

To protect motorists from accidentally backing into a deep ditch just beyond his parking place, an Omaha garage man provided a fence made from old auto wheels, as shown in the accompanying photo. Besides being useful, the fence is novel and has attracted much notice. The wheels were taken from a junk pile and the spokes were painted white, while the centers and rims were in bright red. The wheels were held in place by the upper and lower rails of the fence over which the rims of the wheels fit snugly.—Geo. R. Harrison, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

#### Shelves for Odd Corners

Shelves for odd corners may be accurately fitted by following the method shown in the drawing. A small board,

with a sheet of paper fastened to it by means of thumbtacks, is held in the corner. A short piece of wood, having one end



pointed and a hole through it, as shown, is used to trace the contour of the corner on

the paper. The paper, of course, is afterward cut and used as a template.—Charles I. Reid, New York City.

## Cork Keeps Hook from Marring Screen Door

When screen-door hooks drop down, they often mar the paint of the door, and

gradually cut disfiguring grooves in the wood. To prevent this, force a thin cork from a pop-bottle cap over the hook, as shown in the accompanying photo. The cork will prevent the metal from touching the door.



## Repairing Auto-Radiator Leak

Some time ago the radiator on my car sprang a bad leak where the horn wires passed through it. As it was necessary to use the car immediately, a temporary repair had to be made. The leak was quite large, but a white potato, cut to fit around the hole, and a wooden brace, propped up against it, stopped the leak long enough to drive three miles to a garage.—Edward H. Buckley, Philadelphia, Pa.

## Sled for Narrow Track Has Single Runner

When we wanted to visit our aunt and the cousins a mile away, it was necessary to go through a woods. During the win-



One-Runner Sled Solves the Problem of Transporting Children over Narrow Forest Path

ter months there is usually a single path to walk over, but our two little girls were too small to walk the entire distance. The use of a regular sled was also impossible as the path was too narrow, and therefore I made a single-runner "ski-boggan" as shown in the photo. Both youngsters could be comfortably seated in it, and the sled was held securely by means of a handle rigidly attached to the body.—J. J. Brindos, International Falls. Minn.

## Some Dry-Cleaning Tricks

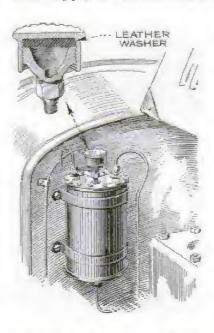
Often, when cleaning, it will be found that the color of a material will be slightly lightened. If the bleaching is not too noticeable, the color may be restored by rubbing the fabric with a piece of cloth, barely moistened with neat's-foot, cottonseed or olive oil. Before brushing over the light spot, rub the moistened cloth on another cloth several times to remove most of the oil. This is done after the dry-cleaning process, and must be repeated each time the garment is cleaned. To give crepes and other silk materials new luster. dip them in carbon tetrachloride, or gasoline containing 4 or 5 drops of one of the above oils. This is also done after they have been cleaned. Water stains on silks generally can be removed by scraping the edges gently with the finger nail or rubbing carefully with a rather stiff brush, such, for instance, as a new toothbrush.—
A. T. Bawden, Belton, Tex.

## How to Prevent a Frozen Oil Pump

Water forms in the crankshaft case of automobile motors through condensation. The inside of the case warms up before the outside, thus creating small drops of mois-This moisture naturally flows to the lowest point in the crankcase, which is around the oil-pump mechanism. Then the pump freezes every cold night, which means grave danger to the motor or expense and bother to thaw it out. To remedy the trouble, pour two tablespoonfuls of wood alcohol into the crankcase every two weeks in the winter time. The alcohol will not mix with the oil nor impair its efficiency. It simply sinks to the bottom of the crankcase, where it mixes with the water and prevents it from freezing. This is the only practical solution to the oil-pump freezing problem that I have ever come across .- Rolla H. Waffle, Walla Walla, Wash.

## Grease Cup Helps Prime Vacuum Tank

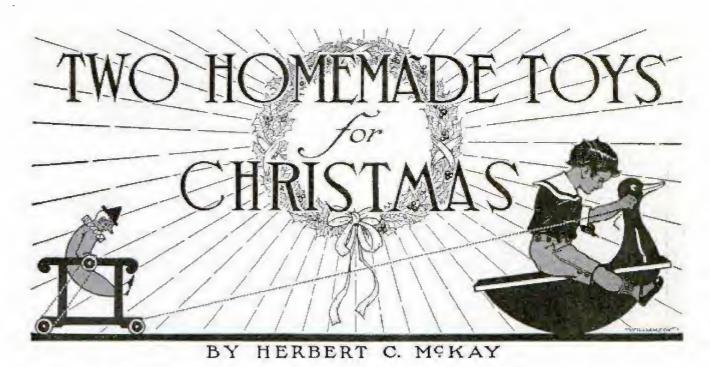
When the vacuum tank is drained or the fuel supply is exhausted, difficulty is some-



times experienced in priming the tank. but by substituting a small grease cup for the pipe plug at the top, this difficulty can readily be overcome. As the hole in the top of the tank is tapped with a 1/8-in. pipe tap, the grease cup is easily screwed on. It is then a

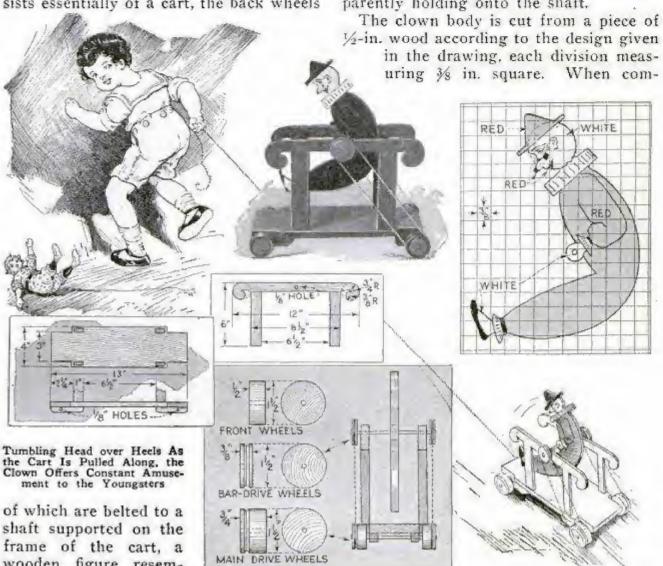
simple matter to pour in gasoline without spilling.—G. A. Luers, Washington, D. C.

 (An ordinary curling iron makes a good finger stretcher for kid gloves.



TOY, that will be a delight to the youngsters, is the tumbling clown, shown in the illustration below. It consists essentially of a cart, the back wheels

bling a clown being mounted on the shaft. When the cart is pulled, the shaft is turned and the clown swings head over heels, apparently holding onto the shaft.



wooden figure resem-

pleted, the figure must be carefully are attached securely, balanced and the accuracy with glue being used for this purpose. The side supwhich this is done determines the success of the toy. The whole acports which serve as beartion depends on the balancing, for ings should, of course, be reamed out so that the there is not enough power to turn the clown if it is seriously out of axles fit in them loosely. The clown is similarly BRACKET A Rocking Duck Is a Strong Wooden Toy Which Can Readily Be Made by Anyone, and Is Convenient for Children to Mount

balance. The center of balance lies somewhere in the hands and the exact point can be determined by driving two small pins into the hands, directly opposite each other, and testing the balance by suspending the clown from a string looped over the pins.

The wheels may be cut from a wooden curtain pole, the exact diameter being of little importance as long as sufficient clearance is provided for the base and the axle boxes. The drivewheels are 3/4 in. thick, while the front wheels are 1/2 in. thick. A groove, about 1/16 in. in width and depth, is cut in the former to hold the drive belt. The parts are enameled and, after it has become thoroughly dry, the toy is assembled. The wheels are drilled in the exact center to receive the axles on which they

glued to the shaft. The grooved wheels must be in line and rubber bands are used for belts.

Rocking toys will always be popular with small children, but the trouble with most toys of this kind is that the small child finds it hard to get in or out of them unaided. The rocking duck, shown in one of the illustrations, is not subject to this drawback. It consists of a seat, rocker, duck-head handle and the necessary braces. All the pieces, except the handle and one cross brace, are cut from 3/8 or 1/2in, plywood. The seat measures 8 by 22 in., and the corners are rounded. two rockers are 18 in, long, have a maximum width of 5 in., and are cut on a 11in. radius. The seat is fastened to the rockers by nailing and gluing, and two braces, of the shape shown, are provided between the rockers. All parts are then screwed together securely. A 1/2-in, round or square rod forms an additional brace at the bottom, as indicated. The duck's head is cut according to the pattern, each square being 3/8 in. in size. A handle is provided on the head as shown. This consists of a 634-in, length of 34in, wood driven through a hole in the The latter is securely fastened to the seat with three wood screws, and two braces are used to support it, one on each side of the head. The head may be painted white or yellow, the bill yellow and the features outlined in black. All the screw heads in the body are sunk below the surface, and the holes filled with putty. The surface of the wood is sanded and given a coat of flat white paint. After this has dried thoroughly, a coat of enamel may be applied, if desired.

### Winter Feeder for Birds

When the ground is covered with snow. birds often find it difficult to get food enough to sustain life. They eat suet and chunks of fat meat, and the feeder shown in the drawing is designed to hold this kind of food so that the birds can get at it at any time. It consists of a wide board nailed to a post in the vicinity where the birds congregate. A shelf should be built below it, upon which the birds can sit and eat the chips of fat, while other birds may cling to the poultry wire, which is nailed over the fat or suet on the vertical board.

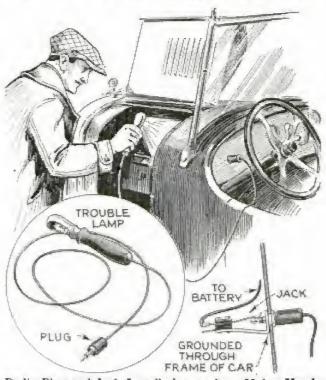


Use largemesh wire and fasten it by means of flathead nails, around which are wound all the loose ends of the wire, to prevent these from injuring the birds while perched on the feeder. The poultry wire holds the suet in place and protects it

from stray cats and dogs. Raise the feeder as high as possible from the ground.

# Plug and Jack for Auto Trouble Lamp

A plug and jack, such as used in radio sets for phones and loud speakers, can be installed in the car for use with a trouble



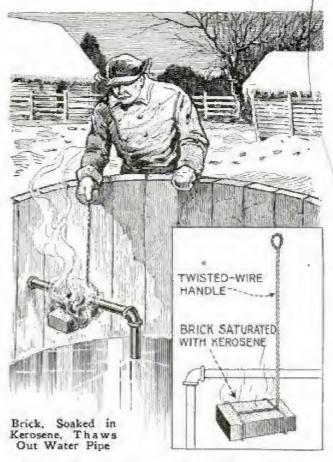
Radio-Plug and Jack Installation on Auto Makes Handy Trouble-Lamp Arrangement

lamp. A jack of the single-circuit type is obtained and is installed on the dashboard, or any other handy place on the car. Two or three jacks can be mounted at other points. A small hole is drilled and the jack is fastened with the large nut. This nut serves as one connection to the battery through the metal parts of the car. The other connection is made with a single wire to the battery. A phone plug is connected to the trouble lamp with an extension cord. Pushing the plug into the jack immediately lights up the lamp. When finished using it, pull out the plug.—Herman R. Wallin, Brooklyn, N. Y.

# Steel Wool as Furnace Repair

It sometimes happens that a poker or shovel is pushed through the lower casting around the ash pit in a hot-air furnace, making a hole that causes excessive draft. A satisfactory repair may be made by pushing some steel wool, soaked with iron cement, firmly into the hole, and smoothing over with the same cement. Stove lining may also be used, but it is not so permanent.—R. C. Tarr, Gloucester, Mass.

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# Brick Torch Thaws Out Water Pipes

For thawing out frozen water pipes in cisterns, tanks and other places where an open flame will do no damage, a brick and wire torch will be useful. A dry brick is wrapped with several strands of heavy wire, the strands being drawn together at one side and twisted to form a convenient handle, as shown in the drawing. The brick is immersed in a can of kerosene and is allowed to remain there until thoroughly saturated. After that it may be :lighted and used as a torch, as indicated. If the brick is dry when placed in the kerosene, it will cause numerous air bubbles to rise to the surface and, when these discontinue, it may be assumed that the brick is "saturated" and will burn long enough to thaw out the pipe.

### Uses for Alum about the House

Alum is used rather widely in the form of crystals to stop the flow of blood from small cuts after shaving, on account of its astringent properties, which also make it useful in the form of a solution as a non-perspirant and deodorant. A weak solution may be used as a gargle in case of a sore throat. A two-per-cent so-

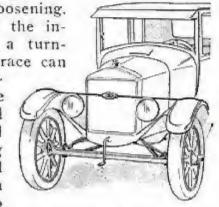
lution of alum makes an excellent spray for plants, as it kills aphids, plant parasites, and insects, but is harmless to the most tender plants. Powdered alum, poured in places frequented by insects, will keep them away effectively. It can also be sprinkled on carpets to eliminate fleas. A solution of alum will bleach ivory handles, but do not use it for celluloid, as it yellows that material. Many colors, particularly yellows, are brightened by the application of a solution of alum, and for this reason carpets are improved in appearance when brushed with it. Blacks. browns, grays, reds, pinks, greens and blues are set by alum. If brushed over flaky ceilings, a solution of alum will remove superfluous lime and will whiten them. Alum is also used as a size in whitewash and calcimine. A mixture of plaster of paris and alum makes an excellent cement. It is used in liquid form mixed with water. Powdered alum, melted in an old spoon and applied to the heated edges of broken glass and chinaware, will hold them together after it cools. Alum is also added to glues and paperhangers' pastes to improve them. Dresses, curtains, etc., can be fireproofed by soaking them in a solution consisting of a tablespoonful of alum to each quart of water. The durability of rubber can be increased by soaking it in a solution of alum occasionally.

# Turnbuckle on Ford Fender Brace

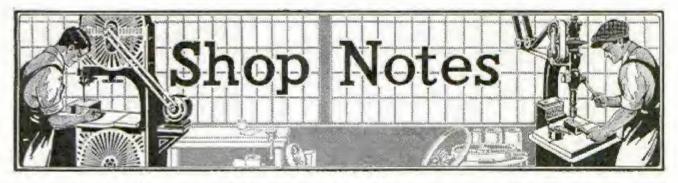
Many Fords are fitted with a brace running across the front fenders to hold them

in place and prevent them from loosening. However, by the installation of a turnbuckle, the brace can be made ad-

be made adjustable. The rod is prepared in the usual way, flattening the ends and bending them to conform to



the top of the fenders, and then sawing the rod in half. About an inch of the rod is sawed off both lengths, and the ends are threaded for a turnbuckle, with which the brace can be tightened.



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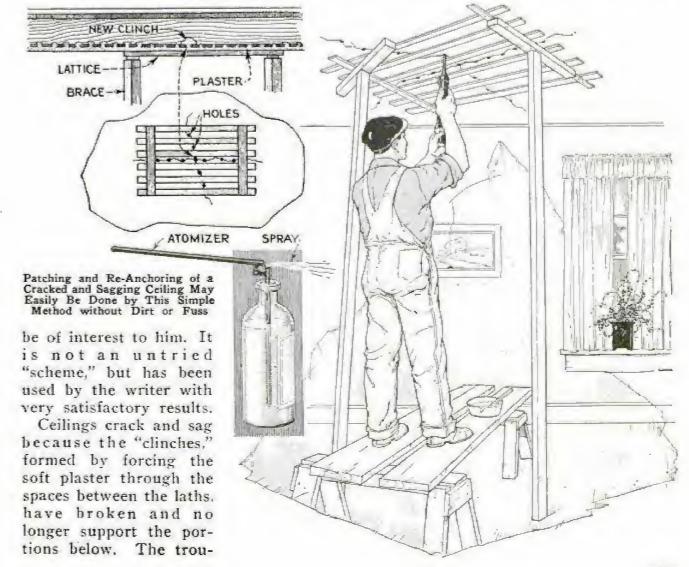
# Repairing Cracked Ceilings

By R. L. WALES

CRACKED or sagging ceilings are not uncommon experiences to the average householder. As the customary method of repair—battering off the broken plaster and patching—involves clouds of dust which penetrate everywhere, as well as a considerable bill for labor, the following simple, quick and effective substitute will

ble suggests the remedy; replace the clinches. The manner of doing this is illustrated in the accompanying drawings.

If portions of the plaster have begun to settle, it is necessary first to force them back into their normal positions and to support them there. For this purpose, a lattice of thin boards, like a section of a



picket fence, may be placed against the plaster, the lattice being forced upward and held in position by pieces of studding from below. The lattice supports the plaster at many points, thus preventing further cracking, and at the same time exposes enough of the ceiling for work.

After the broken plaster is forced back, a series of holes, about 6 in. apart, is made with a 3% or ½-in. twist drill along the entire length of the cracks, and at other spots where support is apparently needed. Some of these holes will come between the laths, thus penetrating the plaster only; in other cases, the drill will pass through the lath, or perhaps even the furring. Through these holes is introduced the material for the new clinches.

For the latter purpose, so-called "rock plaster" is sifted, to remove its content of wood fiber, and mixed with water to a very light consistency, so that it will flow fairly easily from the mixing spoon. This mixture is poured into an ordinary grease gun and forced through the holes prepared. The mix must be wet for several reasons; it must not choke the gun; it must be able to flow out over the laths and into the spaces between them, and it must carry sufficient excess of water to wet thoroughly the dry and powdered

plaster with which it comes in contact and make a good bond with it. Charges of about one cupful each have been used with success. Of course, the plaster should be mixed in small quantities, and just previous to its use, as it begins to set within a short time. No difficulty has been experienced with the plaster running back through the holes on the removal of the gun, as "plugging" takes place quickly.

It remains simply to patch the holes and cracks with more of the plaster, using a putty knife and being careful to scrape off all excess from the surface. This is an important detail. After setting for twenty-four hours, the supports may be removed and the calcimine touched up.

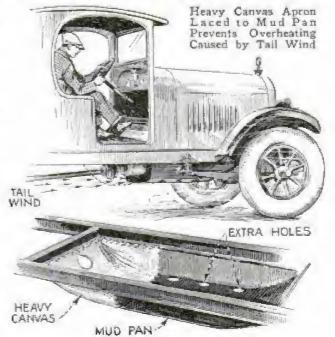
If it is attempted to apply such materials in the usual way, with a brush, difficulty may arise due to the old coating "rolling up" and making it impossible to do a smooth piece of work. This may be avoided, and much time saved, by applying the material with an atomizer. For this purpose, the calcimine is mixed somewhat thinner than for ordinary use and is sprayed directly upon the patched spots and cracks without disturbing the rest of the field in any way. A simple and effective atomizer, suitable for small jobs, is shown in the lower left-hand detail.

# Canvas Apron Prevents Overheating

A man who used to make daily round trips of 80 miles in one of the California

valleys with a truck, noted that, on the return trip, when running light, the radiator water almost invariably would boil. Neither tightening the fan belt, changing the pitch of the blades, checking the circulation system nor fitting new hose connections remedied the trouble. length, the source of the overheating was found to be a strong tail wind that

blew up the valley every day. The wind would blow under the truck into the mud pan, "backing up" the hot air radiated by the exhaust pipe and engine itself, and pre-



venting free circulation of air through the radiator core. To remedy this, a canvas apron was made and laced snugly to the rear end of the mud pan and to the cross member of the frame back of the gear box. A slot was cut for the driveshaft and holes in the mud pan, as shown, to let out the heated air, where it would not be driven back.

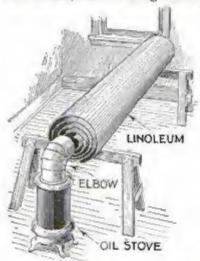
# Removing Insulation from Magnet Wire

A good method of removing enamel or other insulation from magnet wire, especially when a lot of ends have to be cleaned for soldering, is to take a fine-tooth hacksaw blade, hold the blade in one hand and draw the wire over the teeth, holding it between the thumb and the saw teeth. This method is very rapid. The fine teeth will remove both cotton and enamel insulation in one operation, leaving the wire bright for soldering.

# Heating Linoleum Facilitates Laying

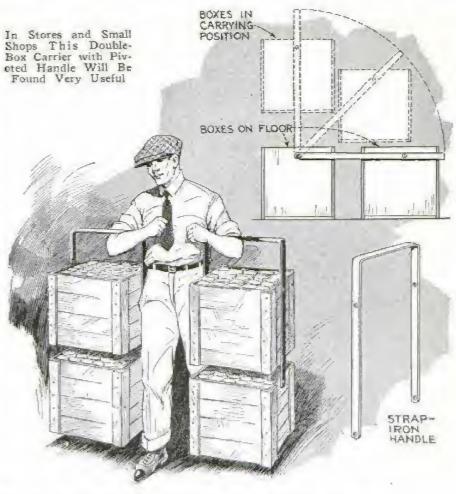
An Illinois merchant, who makes a specialty of

selling linoleum, contracting to cut and fit it to the floors, claims that success in laying it depends partly on its pliability, and therefore he makes a practice of heating it before attempting to lay it in place. A small oil stove is fitted with a large furnace-pipe elbow. While the room is being made ready to receive the linoleum, the latter is loosely rolled and supported on bucks, and the lighted stove is placed at



one end, with the elbow directed to throw the heat into the roll. As soon as the heat from the lighted stove has penetrated the linoleum, and it is sufficiently pliable. the work of cutting and

fitting is begun. With this method much of the usual guesswork is eliminated, and the floor covering is free from cracks.



### Double-Box Carrier

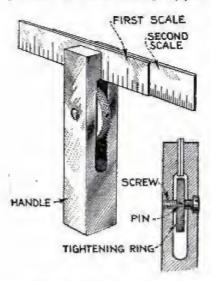
When boxes filled with light material have to be carried around the shop, it is possible to double the number that can be moved by one person by using a single handle for two boxes, as shown in the drawing. The arrangement is convenient, and when the boxes are being filled or emptied, the handle is entirely out of the way. To make a carrier of this kind place two boxes a proper distance apart, so that the top of one will clear the bottom of the other when the handle is raised to a ver-The handle is made of tical position. strap iron and is attached to each box with two screws, as indicated, to serve as With these handles one person pivots. can easily carry four boxes.

### Effective White-Paint Cleaner

Place three small onions in a pan of water and boil them for some time until they are soft. Strain the liquid and use it as a cleaner for white paint. Neither powder nor soap is required, and the application does not need much rubbing.

## Holder Makes Gauge of Scales

A handy addition to a tool kit is a holder like the one shown in the drawing. It is used for clamping two scales together, forming a useful gauge that can be adjusted to suit many types of work. For



example, when turning shoulders in the lathe, it is much easier measure from one shoulder to the other by using the ends of two scales suitably clamped at the proper dimensions than by the use of one

scale, in which case the lines must be located with the eve. Similarly, two scales are handy for setting collars the proper distance apart, or for cutting off lengths of stock, and for many other uses that will readily occur to the machinist. The type of holder shown is a good one, because it leaves one side or edge of the scales free to be laid flat on the work and also because it is neatly arranged so that there are no unnecessary projections. a piece of square or round stock, slot it for the scales and drill out a clearance slot beyond it. Drill and tap it through for a tightening screw and make a knurled ring to fit the screw shank. Assemble the parts as shown, with a pin through the ring and the screw. To measure the distance between two shoulders, which must be finished, for instance, 85% in apart, use two 6-in. scales. Set one of them out 2564 in... and by turning the knurled ring, clamp them together at this distance. The clamp. of course, is a handle as well and will facilitate the work.

# Making Screws Hold in Soft Wood

When wood screws are driven into softwood articles, that are in constant use, the screws often work loose. This trouble can be eliminated in the following way: Melt a small quantity of rosin in a metal pot and apply some of it, while hot, on the screw about half of its length, just before driving the screw home. This method is better than the use of a rosincoated nail, driven in cold.

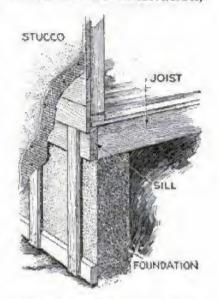
# Mirror Useful When Working behind Instrument Board.

When a fuse blows out, a wire becomes disconnected or any other trouble develops behind the instrument board of an auto, it is a difficult task to see and reach the part to be fixed. It means lying on the back in a cramped position in the car with your head in darkness so deep that it is almost impossible to see. It is a good idea to use a small mirror, holding it in the hand or resting it so that the light will be reflected up behind the board. The parts will then be illuminated and the work can be seen in the mirror.—L. B. Robbins, Harwich, Mass.

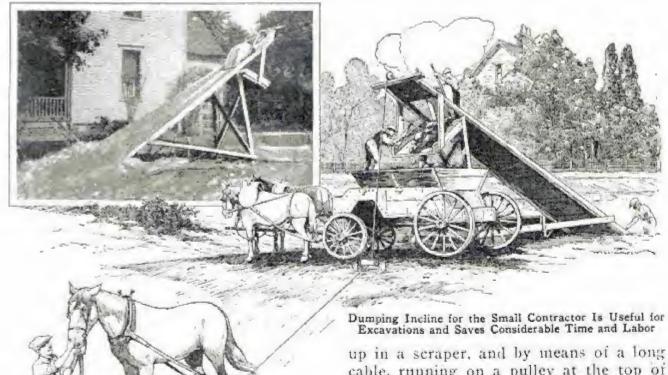
# Air Space around Foundation Has Advantages

Provision of an air space around a foundation, as shown in the illustration,

has several points of advantage. Greater warmth is assured as the frost will not penetrate the wall and leave a coating within. It is also a guard against dampness. Likewise, stucco applied to the lower section



will not crack, as is often the case where it is used on the flat wall. The drawing shows how the sill comes outside of the foundation edge and the joists are flush with the edge of the foundation. A piece of 2-in, material runs along the foundation at the bottom, and furring strips are nailed from the sill to the bottom piece. The wire lath covers the whole of this and continues up the wall without interruption.



Homemade Loader Saves Time for Contractor

One contractor, who had a number of basements to excavate, decided to build his own dirt loader and save time and labor. The soil is first loosened up as usual with a plow. This is then scooped

up in a scraper, and by means of a long cable, running on a pulley at the top of the loader, is drawn up an incline. The scraper is tripped at the top of the incline. the dirt falls through an opening and slides down a slanting trough directly into the truck or wagon waiting beneath. Two 4 by 4-in, timbers are used for the uprights that support the incline, and are cross-braced by 2 by 6-in, planks. incline itself is made from 2 by 6-in. planks with 2 by 4-in, joists for reinforcement. As soon as one excavation is completed. the timbers are quickly knocked down and removed to the next field of operation.-J. Coohon, South Bend, Ind.

# Attachment Guides Cutting Knife

To make it easier to slice long straight lengths of leather, rubber or similar ma-

terial, a guide for the knife will be found useful. The one shown in the drawing does away with the need for a straightedge, which is a difficult thing to hold while running the knife along. With this attachment it is only necessary to use a straightedge for the first couple of inches

KNIFE WASHERS AND RIVETS SHEET-METAL GUIDE

Simple Guide on Knife Helps to Cut Straight

or so, when it is discarded and the slicing continued after placing the guide in the initial cut. To make this handy attachment, a piece of sheet steel is cut out and

bent around the knife. A lap is left to be riveted to the guide proper. In use, the guide piece is placed in the first cut, and the slicing can be continued in a straight line. It is best to hold the guide in the cut lightly with one hand, and not to cut the material quite through at first.



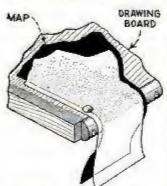
Mirror at Gateway Permits Truck Drivers to See Passing Autos and Avoid Accidents

# Mirror Prevents Auto Accidents at Gateway

In the construction of a large office building in Denver, Colo., it was necessary to make a gateway in the high board fence surrounding the building site, to allow the passage of the material trucks. As the fence took up a large portion of the already narrow street, the trucks, emerging frequently into the stream of traffic, were a source of considerable danger to passing cars. The danger was eliminated by placing a large mirror on a post at the right side of the gateway, which enabled the truck drivers to see approaching cars before driving outside.—Jos. C. Coyle, Denver, Colo.

# Improving the Drawing Board

When large drawings or maps are to be made, the draftsman often has trouble



from the drawing creasing at the edge of the drawing board. A simple remedy is shown in the illustration. A semicircular strip of wood, such as a broomstick planed down, is screwed to the front end of the

board. This rounded edge allows the drawing paper or map to hang over it without creasing.

# Effective Method for Preventing Wood Rot in Posts

Paint does little good to prevent wood rot in posts, which are placed sufficiently deep to be rigid. A method has been discovered, which is highly effective, as it practically covers the end of the post with stone. Mix in an iron pot 50 parts of rosin, 40 parts chalk and 4 parts linseed After these ingredients have been thoroughly mixed, add first one part cupric oxide and then, very carefully and slowly, one part of sulphuric acid. Stir this until it is well mixed. Apply the warm mixture to the post ends with a brush. coating dries very hard, and posts so treated will not be affected by wood rot. Another advantage is that the work can be done more quickly than in other ways .--L. H. Georger, Buffalo, N. Y.

# Handy and Economical Oilcan Spout

The writer has never encountered an oilcan of a practical size for the bench having a spout opening which would drip

oil on a stone exactly right, that is, drop by drop. The openings are always a little too large. When the light oil used for such a stone is warm, it gushes from the can, no matter how careful one may be. The trouble can



clip the small three-pronged retainer from the end of an old tire-valve core and force it snugly over the end of the oilcan spout. There is a small hole in these little pieces which just allows the oil to flow in drops as you want it to. It is very quickly taken off if the can is wanted for oils of different nature and purpose. This method saves oil and the stone is never flooded.—Frank W. Bentley, Jr., Missouri Valley, Iowa.

# Fluids for Drilling Glass

Several fluids are used for drilling or filing glass, of which vaseline oil and a solution of camphor mixed in spirits of turpentine are the most common. A French scientist recommends a solution of 30 gr. of camphor and ½ fl. oz. of sweet-almond or olive oil in 7 fl. oz. of benzine. This mixture will not deteriorate, renders filing and drilling easy, and can be removed from the glass by simply dipping the latter into benzine. The vaseline oil is more or less objectionable because it leaves the glass greasy, and the solution of camphor in spirits of turpentine is unpleasant to use because of the disagreeable smell.

# Whitewash Makes Breeding Places for Chicken Mites

When an ordinary mixture of whitewash is used to disinfect the interior of a poultry house, it usually leaves minute scales or blisters. Millions of mites may breed and multiply in these blisters, safe from subsequent sprayings of insecticide. To overcome this, mix about 2 per cent or more of sizing glue with the whitewash. This will serve as a binder, and a thick coat of whitewash will dry smooth without scales or blisters.

# Improving Corn-Crib Sill Construction

The sill construction of a slatted type of corn crib shown in the drawing will

add years to its service. The lower board is a wide one, and is nailed on at a slant so that it extends over the box sill. This prevents water from dripping on the sill, and as the life of the sill really determines that of a crib, safeguarding it against rotting is highly desirable. The construction also



simplifies the joining of studdings and sills.—Louis Schneider, Clinton, Mo.



Efficient Lawn Roller Made from Old Oil Drum Filled with Water

### Homemade Water-Ballast Lawn Roller

A water-ballast lawn roller may be readily made at little or no expense. The writer obtained a discarded 15-gal, oil drum, on each end of which a piece of 5%-in, wood, about 5 in, wide, was snugly fitted inside of the rim. Holes were drilled through the center of two wooden barrel bungs and 1/4-in, bolts were fitted through these holes. The bungs, nailed to the strips of wood attached to the drum ends, served as hubs and axles for the shafts of the handle. A discarded awning frame was used for the handle, the "eves" on each end of the frame being placed over the axles and fastened with washers and nuts. If an awning frame is not available, a suitable handle may be made either of wood or by using a length of pipe, bent at right angles, and running a piece of heavy galvanized wire through it. An eye is twisted on each end to fit the axles and the handle is fastened with washers and nuts. The roller may be filled with water or sand.—David W. Murdock, Brooklyn, N. Y.

¶Cotter pins rubbed in graphite will not rust and are more easily removed.

## Rubber-Tired Wheelbarrow

A motorcycle wheel on a wheelbarrow makes it easy-running and noiseless. When



Pneumatic Motorcycle Wheel Attached to Wheelbarrow Provides Comfort for Worker

a bump is hit, it does not jar the user like the ordinary iron wheels. Such a wheel is easy to attach.—Carlton Groat, The Dalles, Oreg.

# Old Culvert Pipe Makes Inexpensive Gauge Chamber

The accompanying photo shows how old culvert pipe can be used to advantage in the installation of a water-stage recorder. The gauge mechanism is mounted in the upper end, where it is protected from the weather by a conical sheet-iron roof, riveted or bolted to the pipe. and easily reached through a swinging door

cut in the side. The float moves up and down in the lower portion of the pipe as the water rises and falls, the bottom being left open to admit water from the stream. Circular iron straps, bolted to the timber heading, dam, or bridge pier, as the case may be, hold the pipe rigidly



Water-Stage Recorder Mounted in a Section of Old Culvert Pipe

in a vertical position. Such installations are inexpensive and can be used on irrigation. drainage, power, or navigation canals; on small creeks or rivers, or on swamps, lakes and reservoirs.

# Cleaning Casting Dies on Linotype

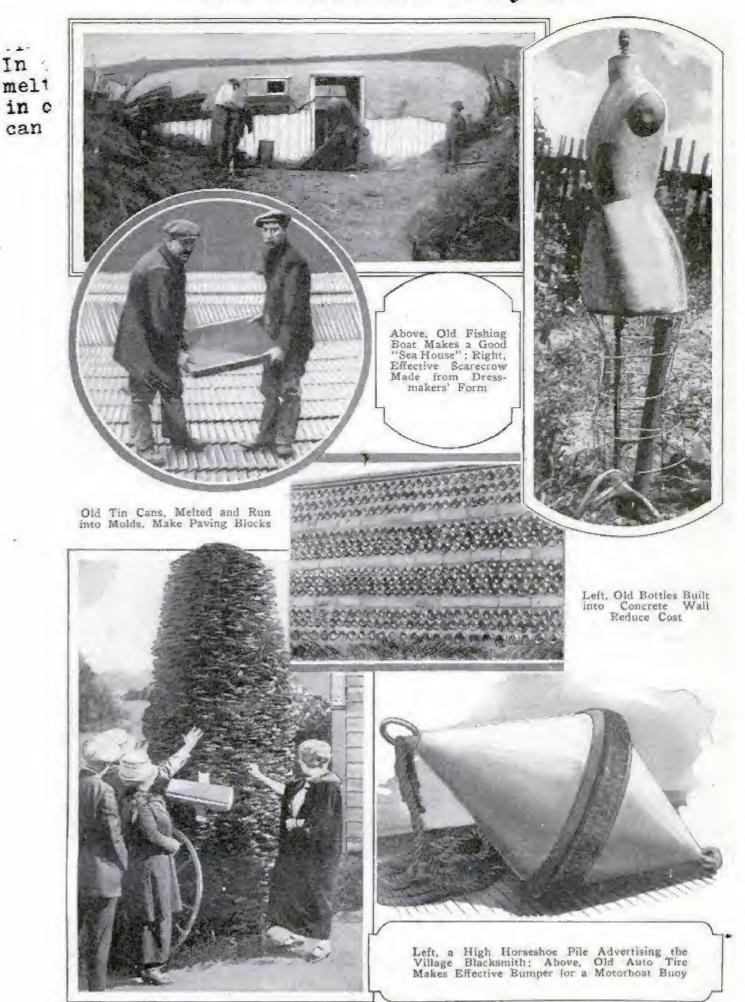
When the casting dies on a linotype become clogged, they can be cleaned very quickly by coating them with blue ointment, letting them stand for a while, then rubbing off the ointment with a clean cloth and brushing with a stiff brush. Blue ointment is a compound of mercury and can be purchased at any drug store. When it comes in contact with type metal it softens this, or forms an amalgam, which is easily brushed off, taking the dirt with it. Operators of linotype machines will find that this method saves a lot of time and hard work.

### Plow Pins for Cultivators

Most cultivators have wooden pins to hold the plows. This is to protect the plows in case they hit a rock, in which case the pins break. The pins are usually cut or split from a hardwood block. As they are then square they must be made round to fit the plow. Heretofore I have used a knife for this purpose, but it is a hard job and takes time. One day, when out in the field without any knife, I found that there were several holes in the cultivator frame. By driving the square pin

through one of these, a neat round pin could be made. Of course, a hole of the right size must be found. In case there is not such a hole, a piece of flat iron with the right-size hole drilled in it, should be bolted at some place on the frame.-Wilfred Sorensen, Humboldt, Ia.

# New Uses for Old Junk





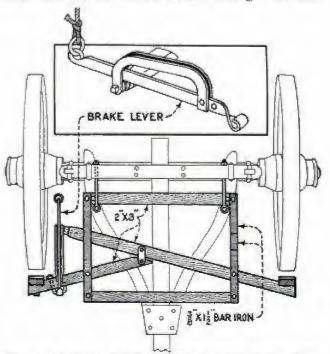
# Rubber-Tired Baggage Truck

To prevent jarring of baggage, one baggage agent uses discarded auto tires on the wheels of the trucks. Equipped in this way, the trucks can handle greater loads with less danger of the baggage falling off. A test was made on a load of milk cans and not a drop of milk was spilled. The rubber-tired trucks are also silent and can be drawn past a sleeping car without disturbing the occupants.—W. N. Mc-Coy, Little Rock, Ark.

# Effective Wagon Brake

A general outline of a simple but effective wagon brake is shown in the illustration. Its construction is such that a slight pull on the lever causes the brake blocks to press tightly against the wagon tires. The lever is quite short, occupying only a little space, and the whole fixture requires less room than the average homemade No pole projects upward above the level of the bolsters or above the wagon box, to be in one's way while loading the wagon. A rope, tied to the rear end of the lever, extends to the front end · of the wagon, where it is accessible to the driver, who can operate the brake equally well for either running gear or wagon-box hauling. The rope is tied to the righthand standard, to keep it at a point where the driver can readily reach it.

None of the materials required for the construction of this brake are hard to ob-The hardwood used is 2 in. thick and 3 in. wide. Four iron bars, 3/8 by 11/2 in., are required, two of them being used on top and two beneath, to keep the brakeblock holders in the desired position. Two thin iron bars, bent to the shape shown in the illustration, are used as a support for the brake lever, and also to connect the brake-block holders, and they provide a sort of rack for the lever when it is idle. These pieces are attached to the short block holder by means of a U-shaped bolt, and to the longer one with a lag The timber into which the lag screw is driven is banded at the end to prevent it from splitting. The block holders are further connected by means of two bolts and two short straps at a point near the center of the wagon. Pieces of an old casing should be nailed to the brake blocks, to prevent wear of the wood. The illustration does not show the detailed construction of the brake. and few of the dimensions are given, but



Homemade Brake for Heavy Wagons Which Has Been Found Very Effective

one should be governed by the size and kind of wagon, when determining the sizes of the parts to be used. The brake can be made adjustable by drilling more than one hole near the front end of the lever, where it is given a quarter twist. Pulling the lever forward causes the brake-block holders to come close together at the lever end of the brake, and thus makes the blocks bear against the wagon tires. Be sure that the brake blocks are close enough to the wagon tires before deciding the location of any holes, as these will influence the size of the openings between the blocks and tires.—Bunyan Kennedy, McCool, Miss.

# Curing a Waterlogged Hydraulic Ram

Many farmers have difficulties with hydraulic rams after a short period of operation. The ram seems to lose its efficiency and finally the flow of water stops almost entirely. 'This, in many cases, is due to the stopping of the snifting valve—a plug usually found screwed into the base of the ram with a very small hole drilled This admits air to the air through it. chamber of the ram at each stroke and, if it becomes clogged, the ram will not operate. It is also possible that the waste water from the ram, running past the plug, will cover the hole, and this would have the same effect as plugging the hole with refuse. Keep it clear, and you will find that the ram will work satisfactorily.—L. B. Robbins, Harwich, Mass.

# Handy Pipe Rack

Odd lengths of usable pipe and stock rod often lie around in the small shop, where they may roll over the floor and get in the way. I took a number of dis-

carded oldstyle brakeband lugs from Fords and spiked them to the wall, as shown in the photo, making several tiers. In this way the pipe and rod were separated so that



I could find what I wanted without any trouble, and the material was also entirely out of the way.—Frank W. Bentley, Missouri Valley, Iowa.

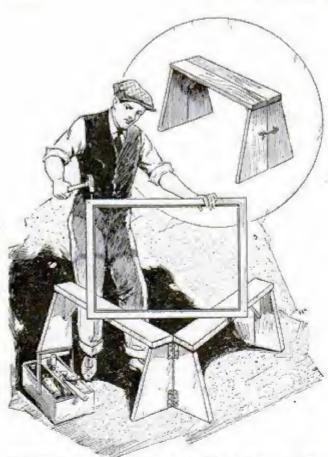


# Driving Long Rods into the Ground

It is almost impossible to drive long poles into the ground from the top of a ladder; sometimes the pole breaks, the top is badly marked up or the rod bends. A simple method of driving long poles or rods into the ground without such effects. consists in using a block of hardwood, cut and grooved to fit the pipe, rod or pole, as shown in the illustration. The block is slipped on the pipe or rod from the bottom. Moving it up does not cause the chains to bind, but as soon as a downward force is applied, the block is wedged tightly against the pipe, which can then be driven down by striking the block as shown.-L. H. Georger, Buffalo, N. Y.

### Radium-Headed Tack on Door

Half-open doors may cause considerable injury when one walks against them in the dark. After several painful hurts, I placed a radium-headed thumbtack on the edge of the door, at eye height. This can readily be seen and will prevent collisions.—Leon I. Thomas, Oak Park, Ill.



Folding Sawhorse Is Handy to Work On and Easy to Carry Around

# Folding Sawhorse for Small Repair Work

For general repair work, especially on jobs away from the shop, a Wisconsin carpenter employs a sawhorse of hinged construction, so that it serves the purpose of two. The horse is made as shown in the accompanying illustration, and may be opened or closed to accommodate the size of work being done on it, and to facilitate moving it from place to place.

### Cautions in Use of Anti-Freeze Solutions

Cold weather to the car owner means replacing the water in his car with some form of anti-freeze solution. While alcohol was once the main stand-by, every winter sees a number of new preparations placed on the market as substitutes, claiming various advantages. One thing that seems to be common to the majority of them is that they will leak out of a radiator that is water-tight, and to prevent this, some form of radiator liquid is often used to seal the leaks if they cannot be stopped in any other way. In such a case, however, much trouble can be prevented if the two liquids are tested chemically before the mixture is placed in the radiator. One motorist was not only stalled many miles from home, but had to replace an expensive aluminum cylinder head because the solution had so corroded the metal during a few hours' standing, that it broke down as soon as the car was run, and flooded the cylinders with liquid. Both liquids were safe in themselves, but combined chemically to the detriment of the aluminum.—Harold E Benson, Denver, Colo.

# Special Wax for Filling Pits in Varnish on Pianos

If the varnish on a piano has hitted, fill the pits with a wax made as follows: Melt 1/2 oz. of cornauba wax, 2 oz. japan wax, or white beeswax, and 2 oz. of ceresin wax in a suitable vessel. A good method is to place one vessel inside of another. place hot water in the outside one and the wax in the other, then set them both on a stove. When melted, add enough kerosene to form a mass like petroleum jelly, when cool. This may be tested by placing some of it on a piece of glass and letting it cool. If it seems too hard, add a little more kerosene. Rub in on the piano with a wool pad, giving two or more applications until the pits are filled.

### Windshield for Handcar

A windshield for a handcar will give the men working in railroad yards much comfort during the cold winter months. It is simple and inexpensive to make and should be of interest to section hands in



railroads working in the open. It is made of either canvas or light wood, and has celluloid or glass panes to permit a clear view of the track ahead.—W. H. Soames, Minneapolis, Minn.

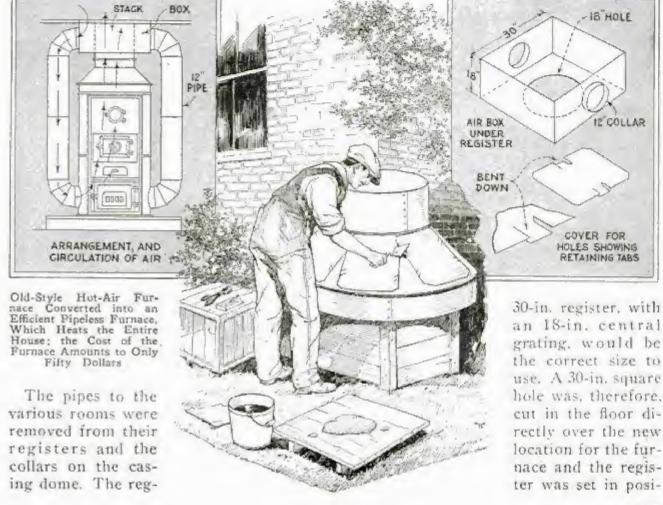
# Pipeless Furnace Made from Old Heater

By L. B. ROBBINS

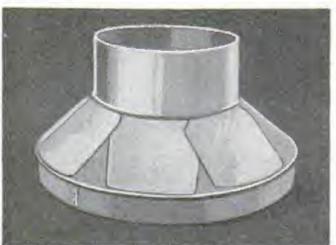
UNABLE to heat his house properly with an old-type of hot-air furnace, the writer, with little work, changed it into a pipeless furnace, which has given entire satisfaction. The same firepot and stove castings were used, but the casing was altered in order to eliminate the individual pipes to the different rooms. The converted furnace has heated the house to a normal 70° and higher, even during extremely cold weather.

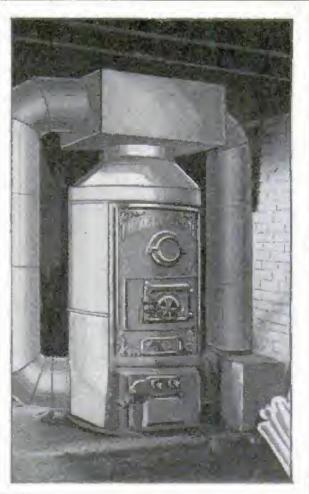
It is not necessary to tear out the old heater entirely. If the firepot is large enough, you should have no difficulty in heating your home either to normal temperature on less coal or higher on the same amount. The advantage of the new installation is that all the heat is discharged into the house through one register, and that the return pipes conduct the air back to the furnace for reheating, establishing continuous circulation.

isters were taken out and the holes boarded up to match the floors. casing around the firepot and the radiator casting was disengaged by removing the bolts which held it in place. As each piece was taken off, it was chalked with an identifying mark to avoid mistakes when reassembling. Next, the sections of the stove were taken down and the joints thoroughly cleaned of old cement and soot. The proper location for the heater must then be determined. In my case, the register was put on the west side of the house. midway between the north and south ends, because the prevailing winds are from the west and thus strike the warmest side of the house and spread the heat evenly through the entire building. spot should be chosen that will promote even radiation and ready ascent of the heat to the second floor. My old furnace had an 18-in, firepot, and I found that a









Left, How the Pipe Collars on the Dome Are Closed by Pieces of Sheet Iron; Right, Completed Installation, Showing the Pipes That Return the Air for Reheating

tion. The castings were then reassembled under the hole. Plenty of furnace cement was used in all the joints, and any suspicious crack was also filled with cement to prevent gas leakage. The exact center of the stove was determined by dropping a plumb bob from the center of the reg-The collars were then removed from the casing dome. The edges of the holes were hammered smooth, and square pieces of galvanized sheet iron were cut to cover each with a 1-in., or wider, overlap on all sides. A couple of slits were made in two opposite sides of each piece to form lugs which were slipped under the edge of the hole and pressed up from the inside. These held each piece securely. Just before this was done, however, the underside of the piece of sheet iron was well smeared with cement. When the job was done and the piece clamped in place securely, the cement hardened and made a perfectly gas-tight joint. The detail drawing and the two photos show how this part of the work was done,

Lastly, the entire circular top of the dome was cut out and a collar was attached. This measured 18 in. in diameter, the same as the diameter of the firepot. An 18-in, galvanized sheet-iron stack was riveted together and left long enough to fit closely against the register when the rest of the furnace was completed. With this done, the casing was replaced with new bolts, and the dome put on as before. Short pieces of wire were wound about the bolts at the front and chicken wire was wrapped about the casing tightly and held by the short wires. This was for the proper support of an asbestos plaster, which was later applied.

To complete the arrangement, a galvanized sheet-iron box was constructed, 30 in. square and 18 in. deep. The drawing illustrates the box in detail. The upper end was left open, but the bottom was closed by a sheet pierced in the exact center by a round hole, 18 in. in diameter, which was intended to fit over the heater stack. In each of two opposite sides a

12-in, round hole was cut and fitted with a collar. The box was slipped down into the register hole and the top edges of the box were nailed to the inside edges of the opening, about 1/2 in, below the floor level. The heater stack was then inserted through the hole in the bottom of the box and fitted over the 18-in, collar on the top of the furnace dome. A length of 12in, pipe and the necessary elbows connected the 12-in. collars on the sides of the box to corresponding 12-in, collars on the bottom of the furnace. The finished assembly is clearly shown by the photo and drawings. The entire furnace casing, as far up as the bottom of the box, but not including the 12-in. pipes, was covered with a 1-in. layer of asbestos plaster, mixed to a paste form in water and applied with a trowel. When it dried, it was given a coat of white cold-water paint. The smoke pipe was fitted with a check damper that could be operated by a chain from above for regulating the draft without going down into the basement.

The drawing shows the circulation of the air, which compares very favorably with the double-casing system of the typical pipeless furnace. The heated air rises directly into the rooms and, when cooled, flows along the floors, down the outside edges of the register into the box and, through the 12-in. pipes, to the bottom of the casing where it is reheated and again rises into the house. This action continues as long as there is fire in

the furnace. The cost of making this installation was less than \$50 and has well repaid the trouble. Practically all the heat generated in the firepot is utilized and the fuel cost is reduced considerably.

([All metal patterns should be thoroughly cleaned with a stiff brush having plenty of beeswax on it and dipped in powdered plumbago, to draw easily.

# Piano Stool Handy as Tool Holder

By utilizing a piano stool for a tool holder, as shown in the drawing, a garage man found that tools can be kept handy

with less risk of losing them. The stool is fitted with a rim separated from the top by a 1-in. space. This was done by nailing four 1-in. blocks equidistantly about the edge of the seat and

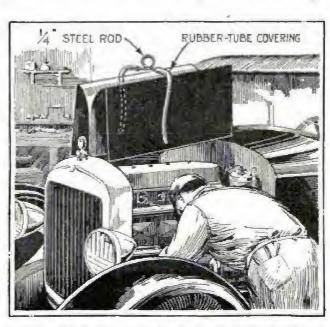


nailing a barrel hoop to the blocks. The tools were hung in this slot, and the seat could be turned to bring any one of them within easy reach. The stool could also be used by the repair man as a seat, if desired, by pushing some of the tools together on one side.

# Clamp Holds Auto Hood

When working about the engine of a car, most garagemen prefer to remove the hood entirely to eliminate the necessity of raising and lowering the sides as occasion demands. An Illinois mechanic improvised a simple holder by means of

which both sides of the hood can be kept open without danger of falling while the repair work is being done. It is simply a length of 1/4-in, steel rod, bent to the shape shown and having lengths of rubber tubing slipped over the "legs," to avoid scratching the hood. In use, the sides of the hood are raised and the tool is slipped down over them like a huge clothespin.



Simple Device Holds Both Sides of Auto Hood Up Securely without Marring Finish



Drainage-Canal Banks Built at an Angle of 45 Degrees Are Most Economical

# Most Economical Shape of Canal Found by Experiment

A western irrigation district recently concluded that the most economical shape for a concrete-lined canal is one with the banks sloping at a 45° angle. Such a shape allows the concrete lining to be built without forms, while the operation of the canal is fully as satisfactory as it is in canals of other shapes. This was determined after observations on the experimental canal shown, which was built with banks of different slopes.

# Clearance of Milling Cutters

In grinding the clearance on the cutting edge of milling cutters, sufficient at-

tention is usually not paid to the angle or exact amount of clearance the cutter will have on the work. This is a very important \* matter, as too much one way or the other will result in failure of the job. If the clearance is too great, the cutter will have a tendency to chatter and make a rough finish, to say

nothing of the disagreeable noise, and the loosening up of the bolts and clamps on the machine will cause the heel of the land to drag, making an uneven surface, and is liable to break the teeth. angle depends, to a great extent, on the diameter of the cutter and also on the material it is to cut, although, in general, milling cutters are used on almost anything that can be cut, making regular shapes, while in those that are made up for a special job and used for that purpose only, more attention must be given to the kind of material to be cut.

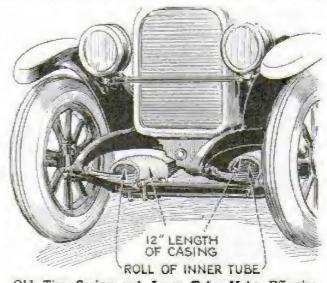
Generally soft materials will machine better with more clearance than tool steels, and the like.

Usually, for cutters up to 4 in. in diameter, from 6 to 7° will be found ample on the outside diameter. Over and above this diameter, the angle may decrease. say \(^4\)° for each 1 in. in diameter, until 4° is reached. The clearance on the teeth of end mills should be from 2 to 3°, when the cutters are used for roughing and finishing. If used for roughing alone, a little more clearance is better.

# Serviceable Spring Bumper

An efficient and sturdy spring bumper can be made from a 12-in, section of old tire casing filled with a tightly rolled section of inner tube. This is strapped over the spring, as shown in the illustration. This style of bumper is usually adaptable

to both rear and front springs, and should find favor with tourists, who frequently overload their cars with camping equipment. and encounter bad detours and rough roads. In the case of a broken spring, this bumper makes an excellent cushion between the axle and the frame, enabling the car to be driven home.



Old Tire Casing and Inner Tube Make Effective Bumper on Auto Spring

# A Substantial "Built-In" Chute for Barrels and Boxes

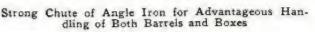
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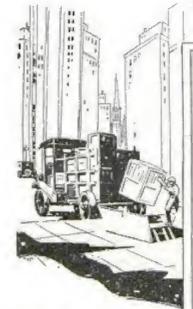
CHUTE that will handle both barrels and boxes with ease is exceptionally useful. All the necessary details for building such a combination chute are shown in the illustrations accompanying this article, enabling anyone to build it without The particular feature of advantage of this type of chute is that the barrels can be controlled so that they will not slide off the chute on the way down. The slides are made of angle iron such as can be obtained at almost any place where structural iron is available. It is quite possible that secondhand pieces of suitable size can be picked up in a junk yard. The proper size of angle iron to use is 4 by 4 by ½ in., the length of the slides, of course, depending on the particular installation. If extremely heavy

so that a barrel will slide easily between them, and the third is placed so that the chute will have sufficient width of bearing for the largest box it is expected to handle.

The method of anchoring the slides at the top and bottom is important, for upon this depends the stability of the entire installation. The leg at the top should be flush with the surface of the concrete, and the bottom leg should be imbedded in the concrete floor, as indicated in the details. At the top, the slides are held with anchor bolts fixed in the concrete, the heads of the bolts being set in countersunk holes in the slides, so that these heads will not interfere with boxes and barrels sliding over the surface. Flat washers, 4 by 4 by ½ in., are used to set the bolts in the concrete. At the bottom, the slides are

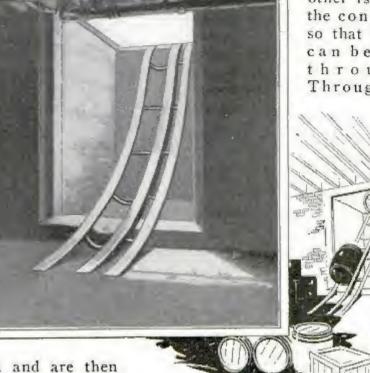
held in the concrete floor by anchors, made as shown in the detail. One leg of the angle is cut away and the other is bent into the concrete floor so that the anchor can be slipped throughout the Throughout the

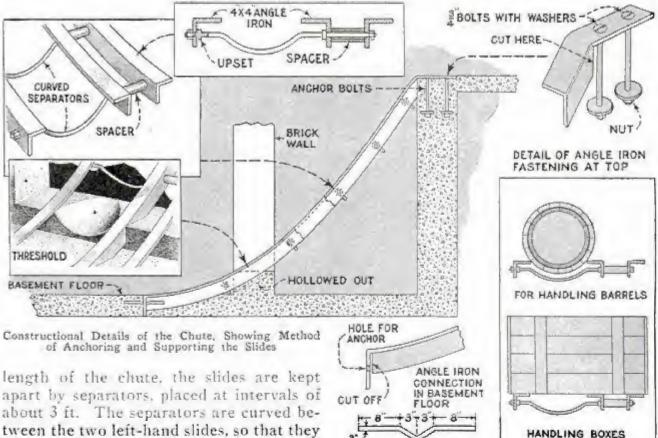




boxes and barrels are to be handled, it is advisable to use 6 by 4 by 3/4-in. angle iron, placed so that the 6-in. side is vertical. The slides must first be

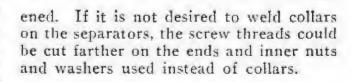
cut to the proper length and are then bent to the desired curve. Three of them are required, as shown in the photo. Two of the angles are placed far enough apart





length of the chute, the slides are kept apart by separators, placed at intervals of about 3 ft. The separators are curved between the two left-hand slides, so that they will not offer any obstruction to the barrels sliding down the chute. In case the chute is carried past a threshold, as in the case shown in the illustrations, the threshold should be cut out so that the barrels will not hit it. The separators are made as follows: A length of 1-in, iron rod is cut into proper lengths. Each of these is bent to the shape shown, and collars are welded on in the positions indicated in the detail. Each separator is threaded on both ends and short pieces of pipe are cut to a length equal to the distance between the two right-hand slides. The pieces of pipe are

held between the two slides and the separators are slipped through. If the collars have been correctly placed, there will be just room enough for a nut to be screwed on each end. The slides are held so that they cannot work away from each other. and the entire arrangement is considerably strength-

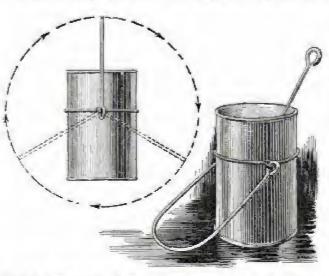


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## Detachable Can Handle

Welding flux used by one shop comes in large cans without handles. The cans must of necessity be carried around a good deal, and therefore the shop operator made a handle, which could be taken off or replaced quickly on a can. It is made of

wire and stout cord, the former having looped ends through which the cord is threaded and knotted. To attach the handle, the looped cord is placed on the can. and the handle is wound around to twist the cord until it is tight enough to hold the can. Once this is done the handle will not come off, as the can



Quickly Improvised Bail on Large Cans Facilitates Carrying Them

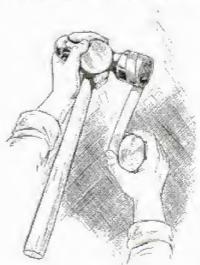
is always either resting on the bottom, as shown in the drawing, or carried by the handle. The twisted cord tends to unwind itself, and as soon as the can is set down, the handle snaps back out of the way. When the contents of the can have been used up enough to decrease its weight, the handle is unwound a turn or so to make the can hang straight.

# Bleaching Linseed Oil

If it is desired to bleach linseed oil for some special purpose, mix it with some five per cent of peroxide of hydrogen in a tin or glass vessel and shake it from time to time. It will require only a few days to bleach the oil, which then may be poured off, the peroxide having been reduced to oxide of hydrogen—water. There are other ways of bleaching linseed oil but they require about a month in making the change, and this is the simplest and quickest method.—A. A. Kelly, Frazer, Pa.

## Armature Winders' Hammer

Armature winders, and other mechanics who work on electrical machinery, often need to force wires into their slots by tap-

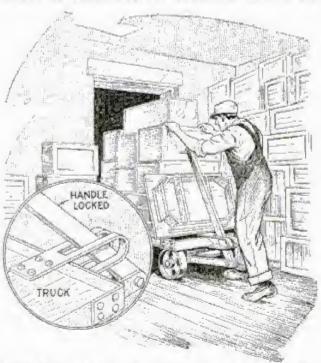


ping them down with a hammer. To do this without damaging the insulation requires considerable skill. unless a hammer having a resilient face is used. An ordinary mechanies' hammer can be provided with

a resilient face by wrapping friction tape over it, as shown in the illustration. The tape is coiled into a tight roll equal to the diameter of the hammer head. It is then placed against the face and bound to it by a dozen layers tightly drawn over both the hammer head and the extending roll. This will provide effective cushioning for the blow and protect the insulation from damage.—Eugene Emerson, Brooklyn, N. Y.

# Locking the Steering Wheels on Trucks Used in Factory

It is often necessary to back a factory truck a considerable distance down an



Sheet-Metal Device on Factory Truck Locks the Steering Wheels

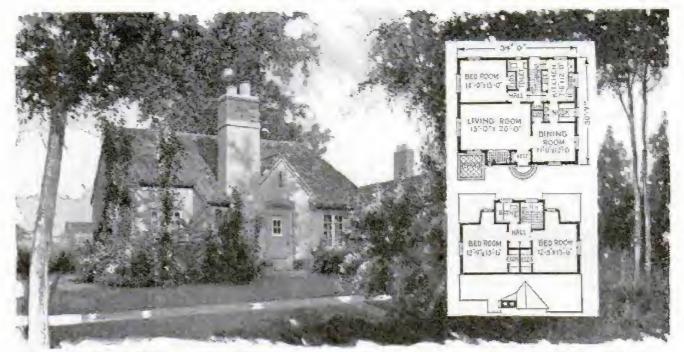
alley having very little clearance, and this is an awkward task, as it is difficult to back it up in a straight line. By fixing a simple lock on the truck, we overcame this difficulty. The lock consists of a piece of strap iron, bent double and fixed to the top and bottom of the truck floor in the center. It is slotted to receive the truck handle. When the truck has to be backed any distance, we first set the rear wheels straight, then push the handle back into the slot to lock the front wheels.—Harry Moore, Montreal, Can.

# Floor Heater for a Small Shop

The brick floor in my shop is very cold in winter, and to make it more comfortable, I removed the brick and dug a hole, 36 in. long, 18 in. wide and 18 in. deep, in front of the lathe where I stood most of the time. An old two-burner oil stove was procured and set in the hole. I then covered the hole with a board, made to fit tightly, and bored a number of ½-in. holes near the center. A large hole was also cut at each side for draft. I was surprised at the results of this little heater.

—J. H. Priestly, Lawrence, Mass.

# Is This Your Home?



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WHAT sort of result issues from the architect's alchemy? He mixes together walls, roofs, windows, chimney stacks in his paper crucible. From it must come order, direction, beauty. The more skillful he is the more beauty he gets. Here then, in this plan, is an expression of the alchemy of architecture by which gross materials have been transmuted into pure beauty—in a word, into architecture.

To this six-room house, four on the first floor and two on the second, have been added vestibule, breakfast room, terrace, inglenook with gorgeous fireplace, and closets in profusion.

Going over the plans we find many details of interest. For example, there is a first-story bedroom and toilet, a grade entrance, coat closet in the vestibule and three linen closets.

The living and dining room, and the kitchen, occupy a position which is detached from the first-story bedroom. The separation of kitchen and dining room by

the breakfast alcove is an arrangement which has its particular advantage.

The placement of the dining alcove makes of this feature, which has come to be the standard equipment of the small house, a somewhat more formal affair than the usual dining space that appears as part of the kitchen proper. Yet its convenience is practically as great.

The interesting details are not confined to the plan alone. Perhaps the prospective home builder is more inclined to give the exterior most of his attention.

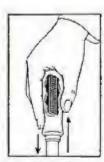
There is a contrast of materials here which lend vivacity from color and texture as well—plastered walls, variegated tile roof, brick insets about the doorway, iron-bound door. The bricks at the stoop and at the chimney stack, complete a variety which is wholly bounded by good taste.

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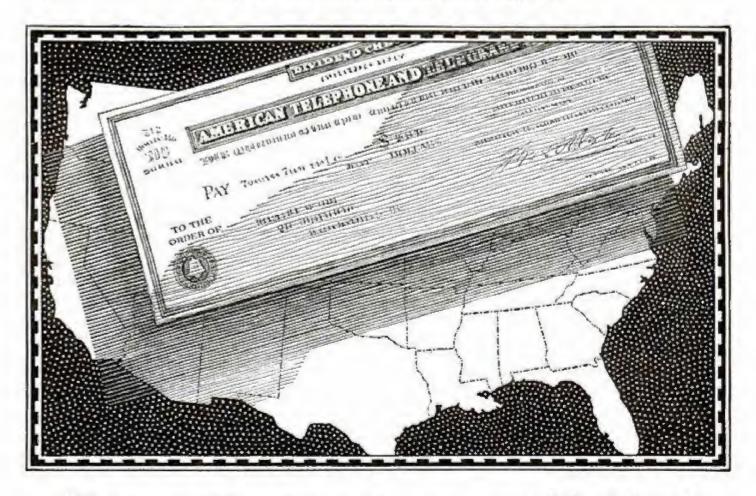
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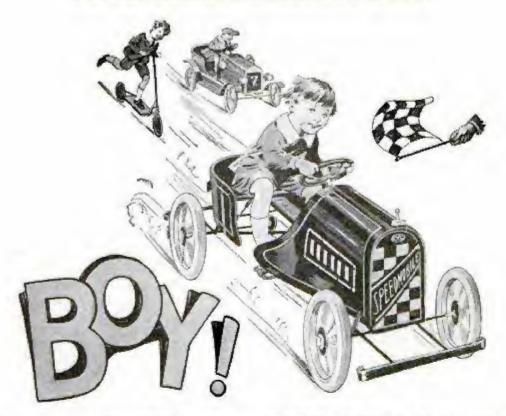
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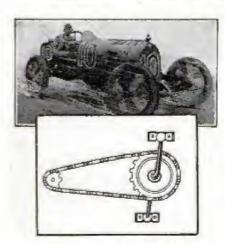
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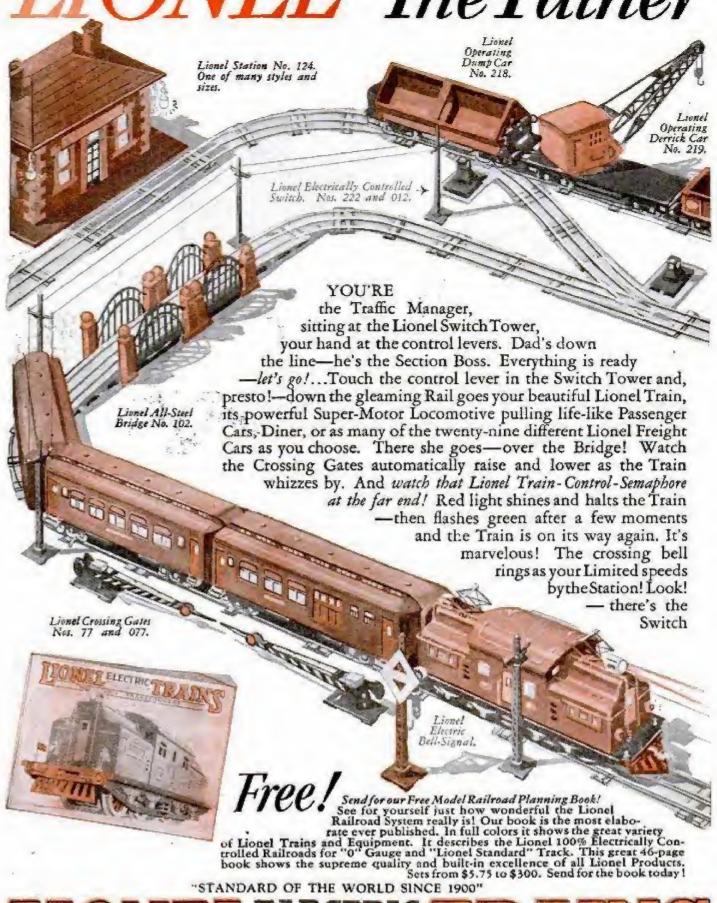


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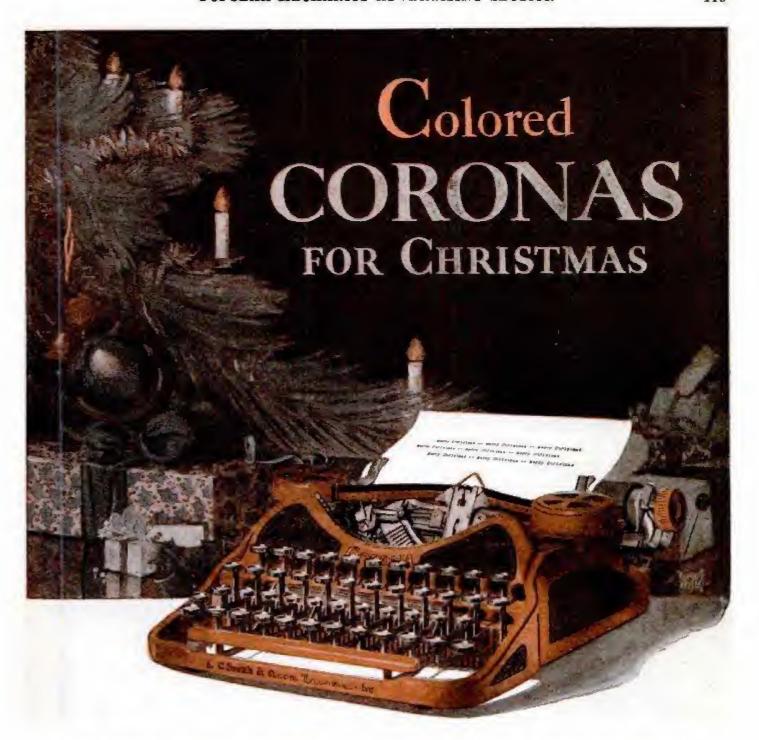
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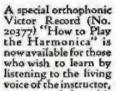
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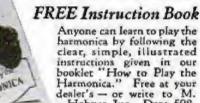
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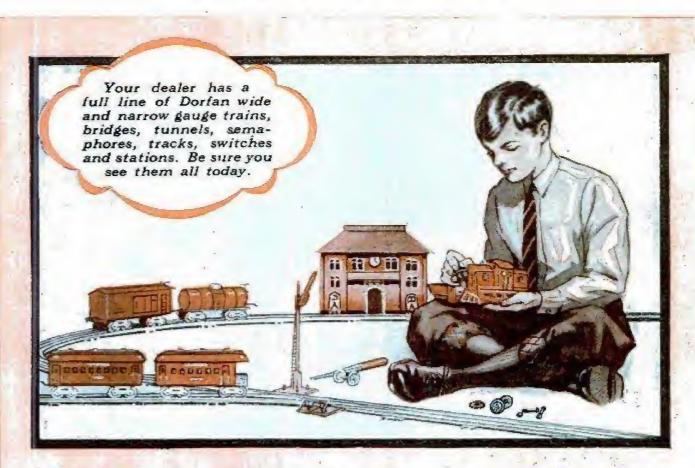


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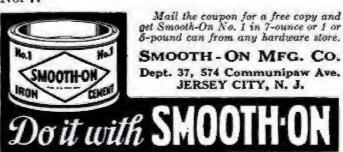
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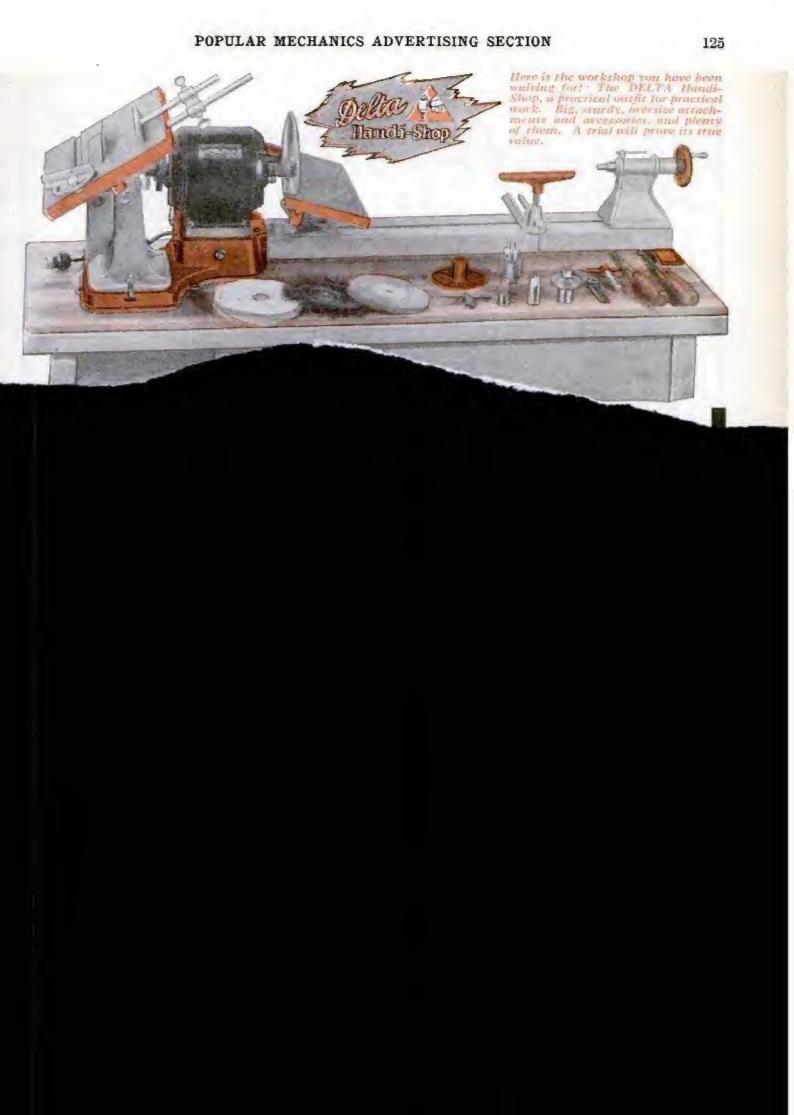
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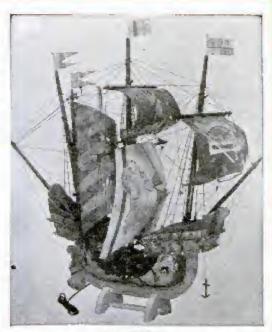
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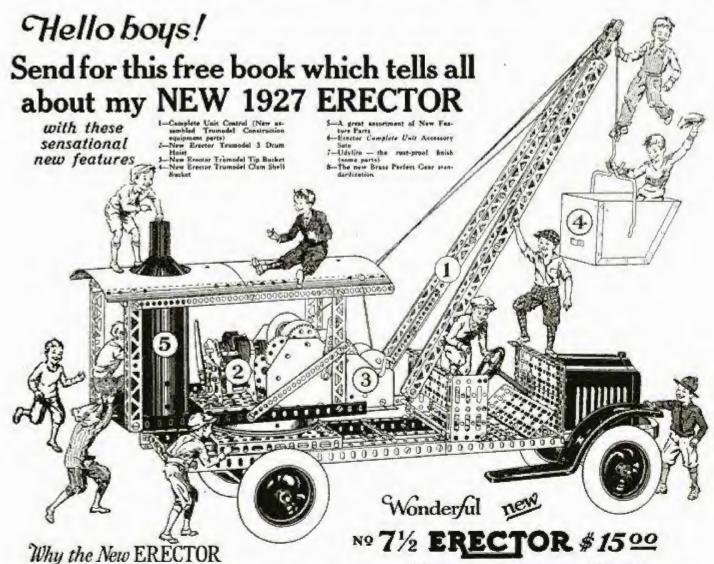
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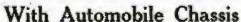
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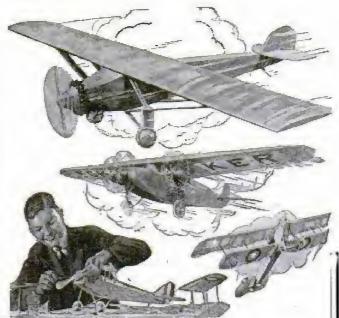


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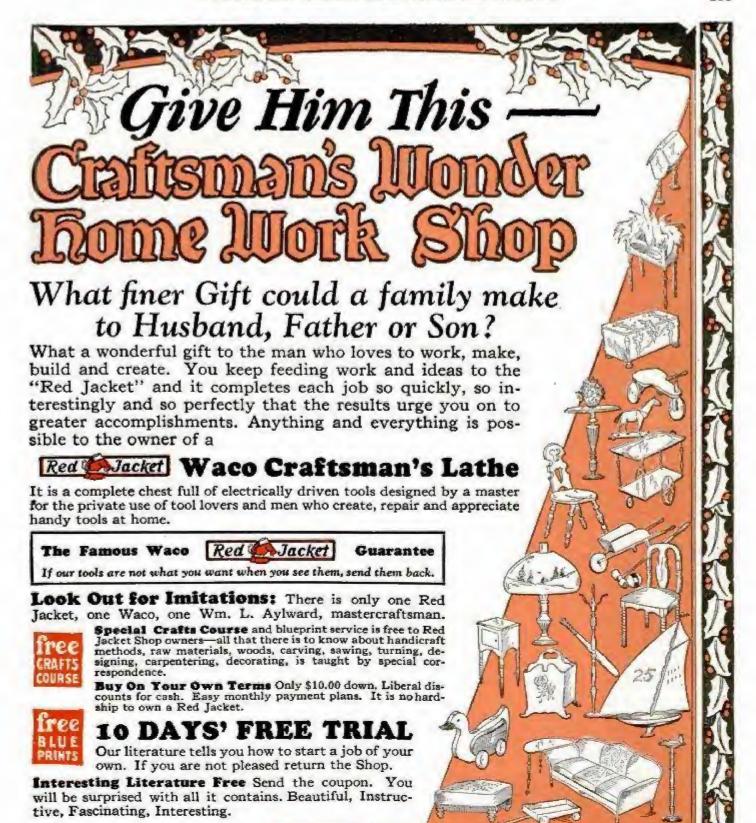
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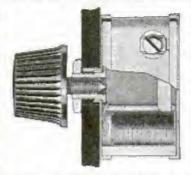
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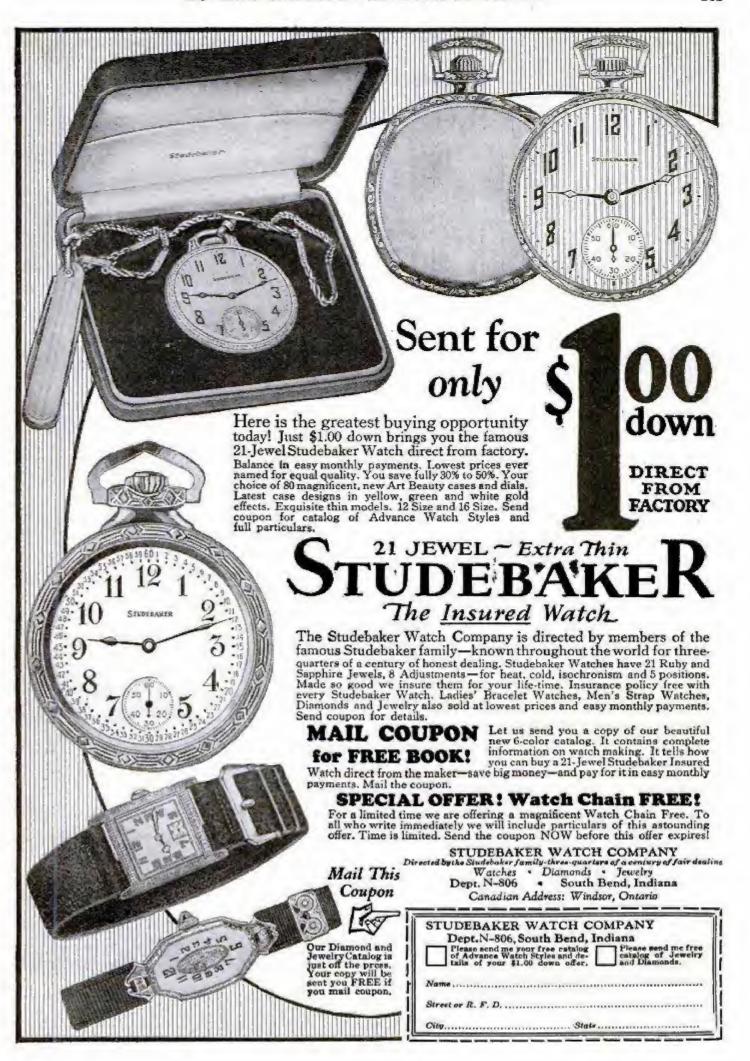
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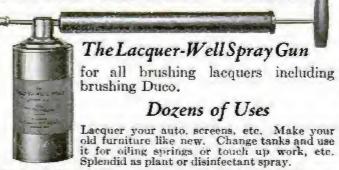




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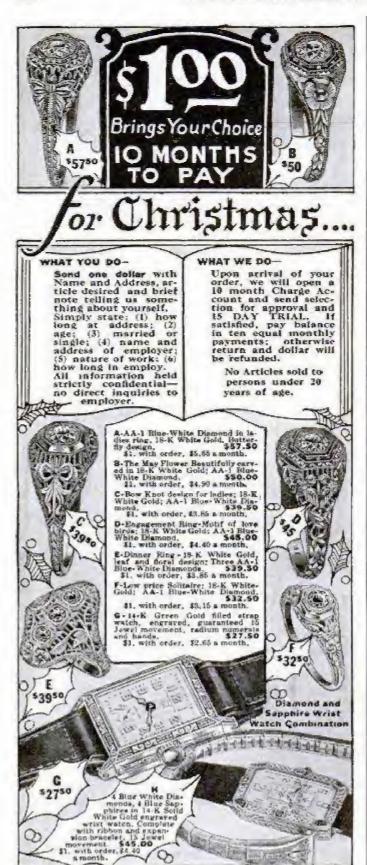
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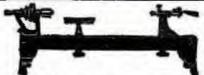
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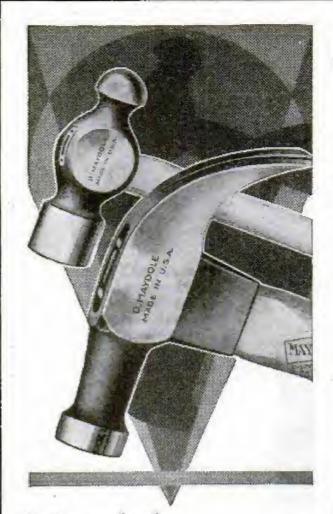
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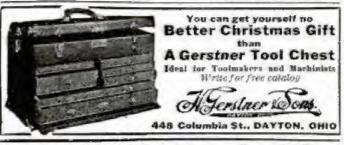
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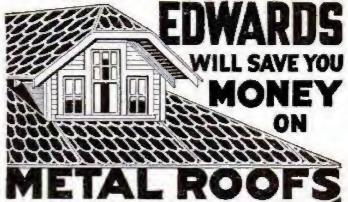
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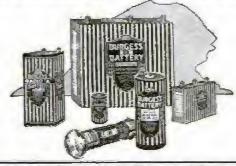
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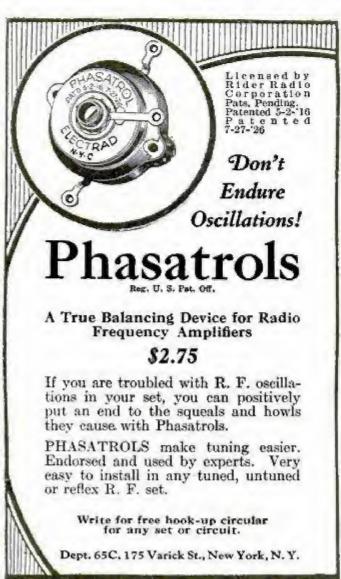
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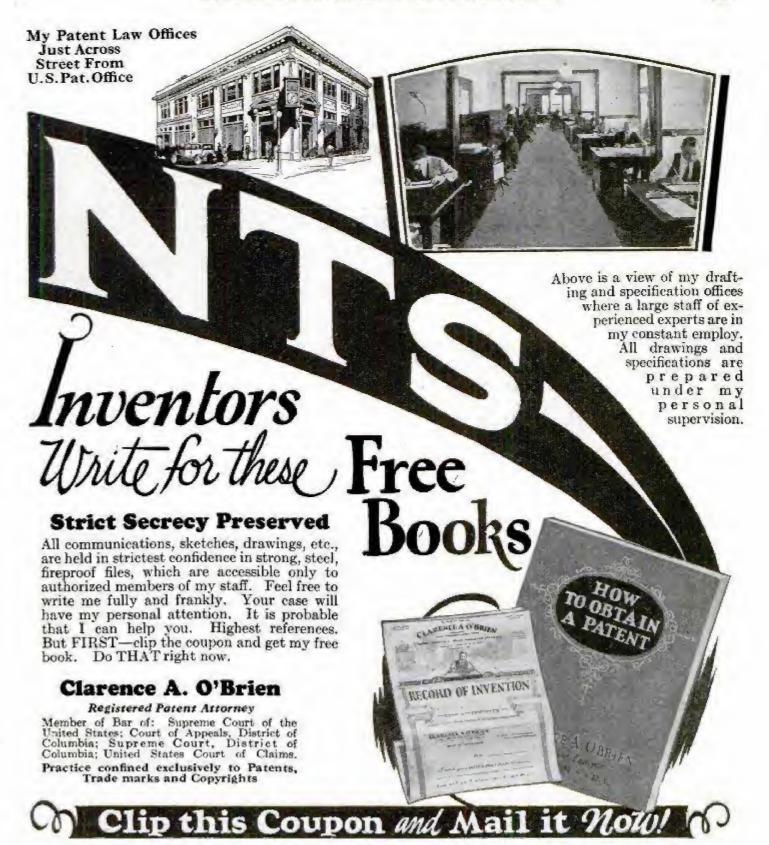
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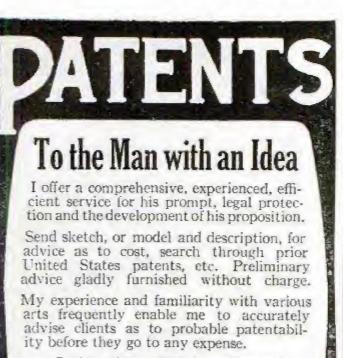
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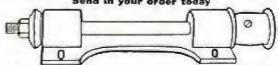
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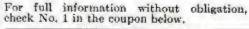


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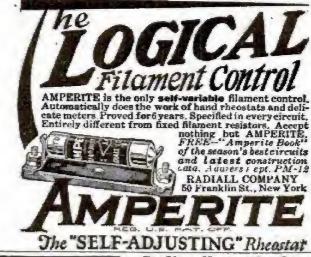
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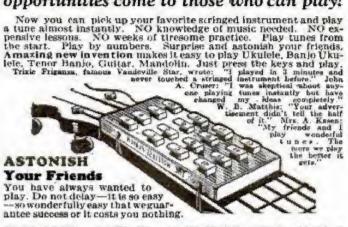
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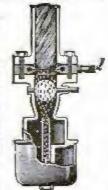


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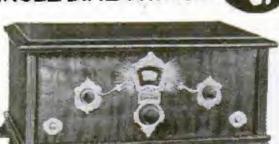
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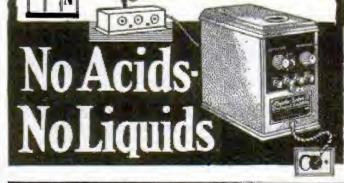
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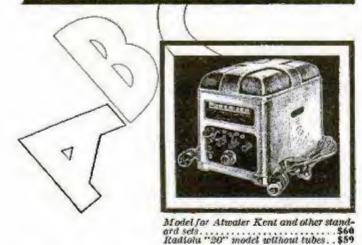


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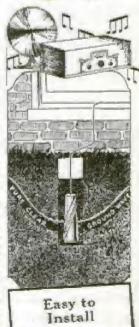
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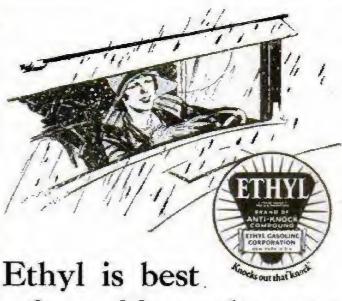
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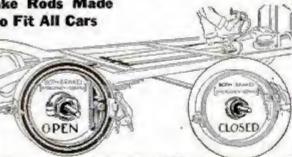
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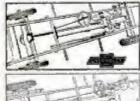
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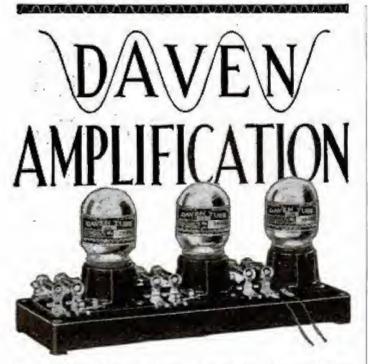
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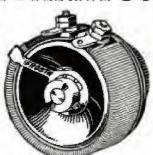


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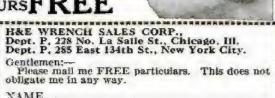
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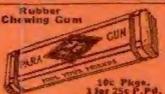


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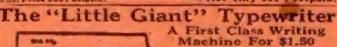
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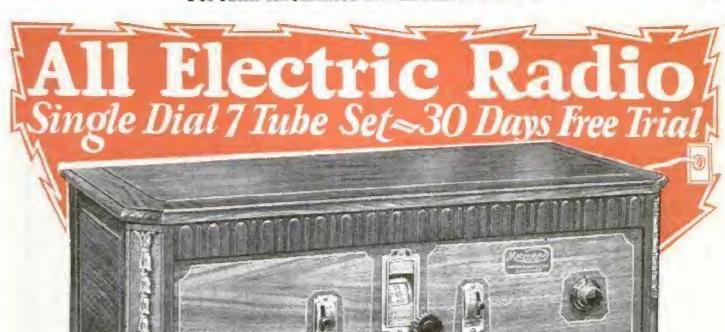
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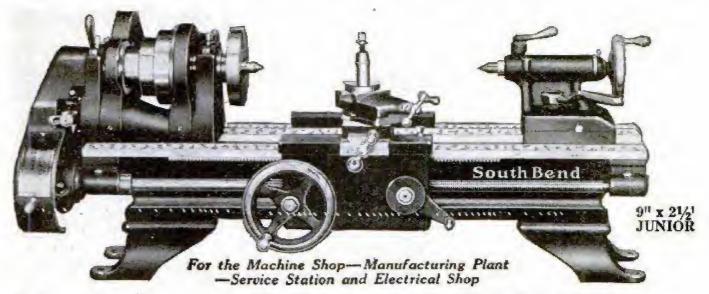
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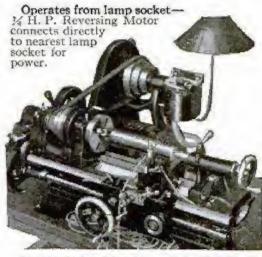
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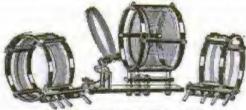
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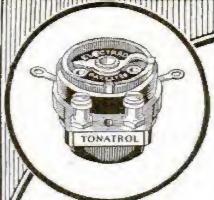
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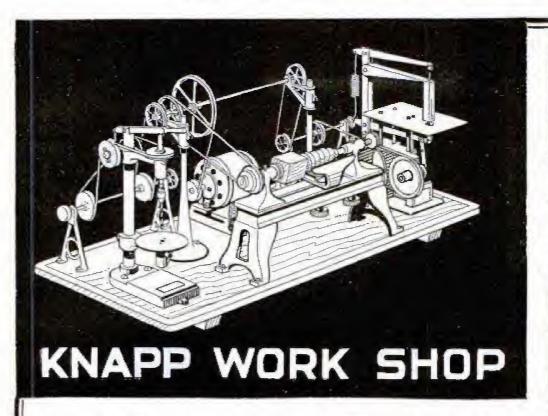
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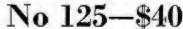
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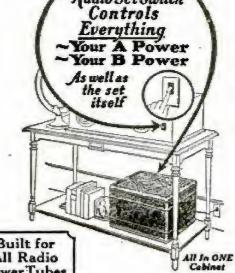
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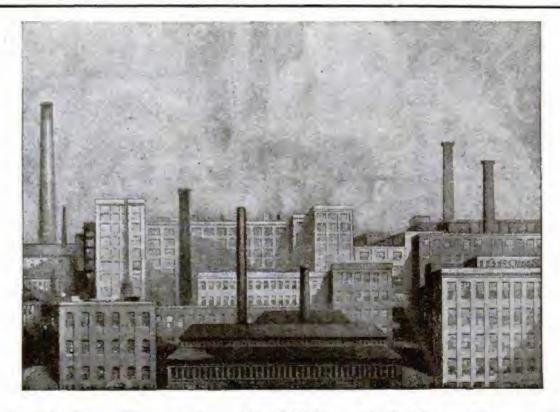
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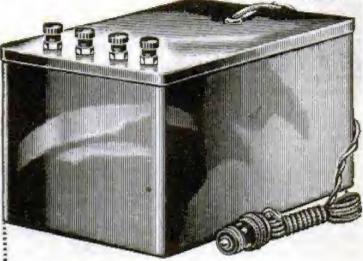
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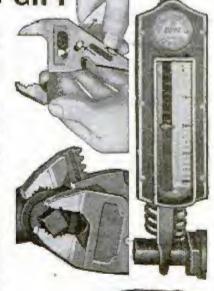
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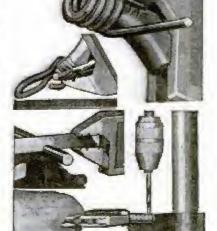
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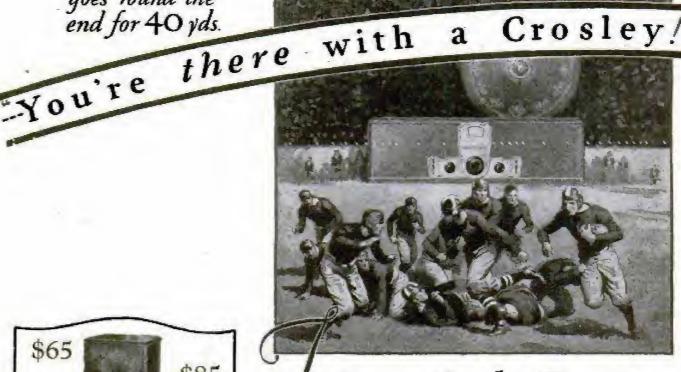
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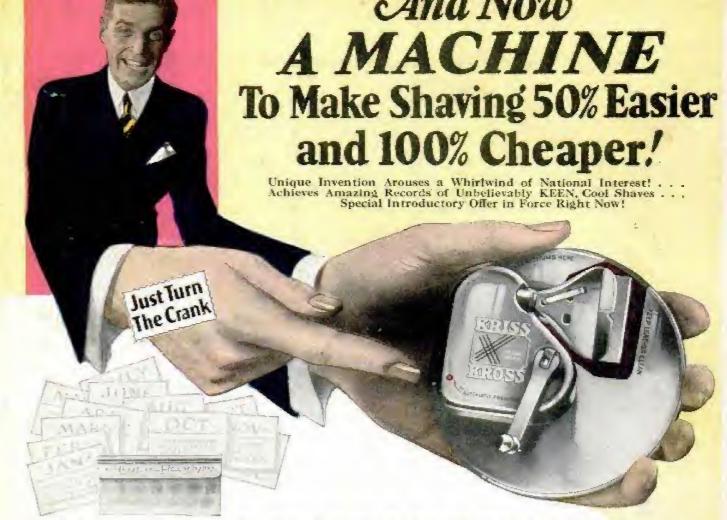
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